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## Special 1990 Homecoming Edition

### Officials plan for big crowds

by Jennifer Westcott  
*Staff Writer*

Area law enforcement agencies will be working together this year to provide added security for the 1990 Homecoming festivities.

Campus Safety, Maryville Public Safety, Nodaway County Sheriff's Office and the Missouri State Highway Patrol will work close together to provide a safe environment for the parade, which will be held the morning of Oct. 20.

"We are taking a very high visibility stance this year. In addition to seeing a lot of us in uniform and out there, we have jointly agreed that we will take a zero tolerance to unacceptable behavior," Keith Wood, director of Maryville Public Safety, said.

He added that anyone being disorderly will be arrested.

According to Jill Hawkins, director of Campus Safety, because of the added number of people in Maryville for the Homecoming festivities, the various agencies have planned to take measures to ensure the safety of parade participants.

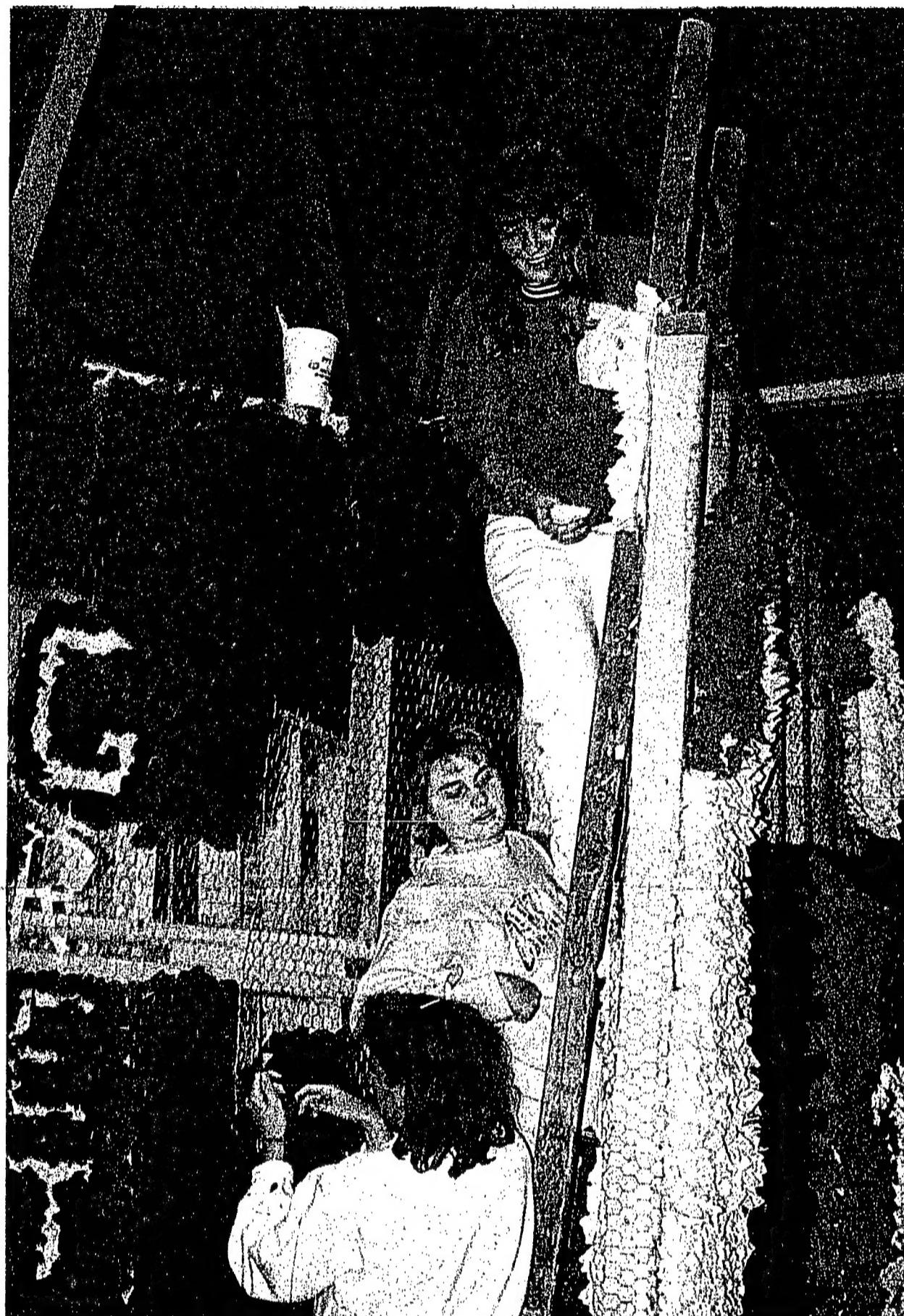
Wood and Hawkins both said that alcohol consumption increases over Homecoming weekend.

Hawkins said that the biggest problem on campus is usually students being taken to St. Francis Hospital for drinking too much.

Wood added that between 75 to 80 percent of the arrests made during Homecoming were alcohol related.

Hawkins said that area officers will be alert to anyone who is interfering with the parade, and stressed that students will not face campus charges, but will be arrested and face either city or state charges for offenses that do occur.

Security has become a bigger priority this year because of a see Security, page 3



ON THEIR WAY TO THE TOP—Work goes on above and below as sorority members work on the Alpha Sigma Alpha float "Hansel and Gretel." The Alphas started construction on their float one month before Homecoming. Organizations were forced to start early this year because of fierce competition with 14 other entries. The floats compete for cash prizes, which will be announced Saturday at the football game. (Photo by JoAnn Bortner)

### Variety Show offers spoof of University life

by Kathy Barnes  
*Assistant Features Editor*

Have there been plans made to turn the Administration Building into central headquarters for the Space Shuttle Simulator? Will Dean Hubbard get to run ALL of the controls? Does he get his own headset? Will he "blast off" for Aleta?

The answer to these and many other satirical scenarios await students and alumni at the Homecoming Variety Show.

The Variety Show traditionally pokes fun at daily life on campus, current events and University officials in the name of a good time and firing up the Northwest spirit.

According to Dave Gieseke, Homecoming adviser, some organizations have been preparing for the Variety Show since last spring.

"Most of the organizations that make it through tryouts are rather competitive and they put vast amounts of time into practice," Gieseke said. "The more successful skits use their talented people and work around them."

Sixteen acts are on the student-produced show, with eight skits and eight olio acts. The skits must relate to the overall Homecoming theme, "One for the Books."

Gieseke said more students have tried out for olio, or small ensemble acts, this year than ever before.

"Sure they get carried away (with the skits), but that's some of the fun of it. It's risqué. Most of it is double entendre... but it's nasty only if you have the mind for it."

"Typically the acts are entertaining and good, but people go to the Variety Show to laugh. And not only laugh at the acts, but at the University," Gieseke said.

Each of the skits will be com-

peting for prize money and Homecoming points within fraternity, sorority and independent divisions. In addition, the second annual Bobby awards will be given for the Best Actor and Best Actress in the three-day competition, a take-off from the Oscars.

Audience members will also be able to participate in the voting process by selecting their own "People's Choice Award" by filling out the ballot in the program.

The acts are judged on the appropriateness to theme, originality, showmanship and production, and talent.

The skits include Delta Chi, "Bobby Sawyer;" Phi Sigma Kappa, "Miser Ville;" Alpha Sigma Alpha, "Bobby and the Chocolate Factory;" Delta Zeta, "A Homecoming Carol;" Phi Mu, "Bobblestein;" Sigma Sigma Sigma, "Snow White and the Seven Coeds;" Phi Mu Alpha, "Bobby Bearcat and the Search for the Holy Goal;" and Sigma Alpha Iota, "Bobby in Wonderland."

In addition to the eight skits, eight olio acts were selected for the program. The olio acts include The Chordbusters, "Football Hero;" Ken Lucas,

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BIG WHEEL—Co-host for the Homecoming Show, Jean Jones, pops wheelies on stage at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. (Photo by Don Carrick)

### 'One for the Books' is ready to 'roll' as theme

by Jane Waske  
*Staff Writer*

With over 200 entries, Northwest's 1990 Homecoming parade will surely be "One for the Books."

The parade will start at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 20 beginning at the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building and concluding on the Nodaway County Courthouse Square.

Leading the parade will be the Bearcat Marching Band, under the direction of Al Sergel, assistant professor of music. Thirty high school bands will also participate, including the Maryville High School Marching Spooftounds, as well as bands from St. Joseph and Kansas City.

There will also be the annual float, clown and jalopy competitions between the fraternities, sororities and independent groups. These entries will be judged on creativity, theme and workmanship. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners, who will be announced at the conclusion of the football game.

Fifteen floats from Northwest's fraternities, sororities and other student organizations will be competing in the event. The floats entered include: Alpha Kappa Lambda, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow;" Delta Sigma Phi, "Moby Dick;" Delta Chi, "Calvin and Hobbes;" Tau Kappa Epsilon, "Jungle Book;" Alpha Gamma Rho, "Bobby's Web;" Phi Sigma Kappa, "Mark Twain;" Sigma Sigma Sigma,

"Pinocchio;" Delta Zeta, "How Northwest was Won;" Alpha Sigma Alpha, "Hansel and Gretel;" Phi Mu, "The Little Engine that Could;" Sigma Society, "Cat in the Hat;" Alliance of Black Collegians, "Black Authors;" International Students Organization, "Bearcat's Travels;" and Ag Club, "Animal Farm." The Support Staff Council on campus will also enter a non-competitive float.

Other attractions in the parade include several local and regional political candidates, corporate sponsors and the Homecoming King and Queen.

**KNWT crew covers Homecoming events**

by Steve Rhodes  
*staff writer*

It's lights, camera, action for the staff of campus television station KNWT as they make final preparations for their coverage of Homecoming week.

Student produced programs of the variety show, parade and the football game will be aired on Channel 8 several times throughout the week following Homecoming.

This annual production will be put together primarily by students enrolled in television practicum. Since the beginning of the semester, members of the class have invested a great deal of time and energy selling advertising

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### Bearcats face Ichabods in Homecoming game Saturday

by Gene Morris  
*Sports Editor*

Homecoming will be a factor in the Bearcats' game against Washburn Saturday at Rickenbrode, according to coach Bud Elliott.

"Homecoming is always an influencing factor," Elliott said. "Sometimes it can be disastrous. Players need to realize they have to focus on the game."

"Players like to play well in the Homecoming game," he said. "If we focus on the game, that can be a positive factor."

The Bearcats ended a four game losing streak by defeating Missouri-Rolla 21-13. The team is looking at the rest of the season as a new year.

"We are getting back to basics," Elliott said. "We have tried to approach the second half of the

season as a new one."

Washburn coach Dennis Caryl, who received his master's degree from Northwest, said Homecoming will make things harder for his team.

"I think it will help Northwest," he said. "They have a lot of pride and tradition. I think it will give them a big shot in the arm."

Injuries have taken their toll on both teams this season.

The Bearcats have had 11 players injure their knees. Jeremy Wilson also missed the Bearcats' game against Missouri-Rolla with a sore shoulder. Wilson is expected to start against Washburn Saturday.

Ed Tillison will be seeing his first action since injuring his knee against Southeast Missouri State Sept. 22.

## Homecoming

### Schedule of Events

Friday, October 19

Walkout Day

50th Anniversary registration

9 a.m. at the Alumni House

Alumni/M-Club Hall of Fame

Banquet - Union Ballroom

at 6 p.m.

Variety Show at Mary Linn

7:30 p.m.

'68 - '71 Class reunion

Best Western University Inn

Saturday, October 20

Homecoming Day

Homecoming Parade

4th street - 9:30 a.m.

"Oldtimers" baseball game

Bearcat ballfield - 10 a.m.

Football vs. Washburn

Rickenbrode - 1:30 p.m.

Horace Mann/College High

Banquet - Union, 6 p.m.

## OUR VIEW

**Homecoming: a time for pride, not shame**

As Homecoming approaches, we cannot help but hope that certain behaviors are not repeated this year. Spectators viewing the parade last year witnessed intoxicated students throwing beer cans at parade participants and shouting obscenities.

These students were a poor example to parents, alumni, fellow students and the children in attendance.

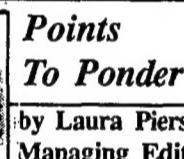
Homecoming should be a time for fun, celebration and most of all for taking pride in our University. It should not be a time for people to get drunk and obnoxious and ruin it for the rest who put in countless hours of preparation and simply want to enjoy the celebration the way it was intended! If people want to get drunk and act obnoxious, they should do it at private parties, not public functions.

One thing that has to be remembered about Homecoming is that although the celebration is geared for current students, it is actually just what the word says -- a home coming for alumni.

When we are alumni and come back to Northwest, we would like to remember the good reception we were given, not a bunch of students who act as if they could not care less whether we graduated from here or not.

People say the past shapes the present. It would be a shame to think that future students could believe last year's behavior is the best way to show appreciation for the tradition of Homecoming.

The University oath, states: "We will never bring disgrace to this our University, by any act of cowardice or dishonesty. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the University. We will transmit this University to those who come after us, greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."



**Points To Ponder**  
by Laura Pierson  
Managing Editor

**From Normal School to Teacher's College to State University**

**Look back at Northwest**

Nostalgia hit the newsroom over the past week as many of us on the *Missourian* staff browsed through old issues of the newspaper and Tower yearbooks researching for our stories.

I also spent time reading selections from "Behind the Birches" by Mattie M. Dykes. The book details the history of Northwest from the time it began as the Fifth District Normal School of Missouri in 1905.

The book contains a lot of interesting information. For instance, the first Greek organization formed on campus in 1907 was Sigma Delta Chi. The group had been meeting for seven years when the Board of Regents handed down a resolution forbidding such organizations in 1914.

Finally, in 1926 the resolution was rescinded and Sigma Sigma Sigma, which had absorbed Sigma Delta Chi, became the first national campus sorority. Sigma Tau Delta became the first men's fraternity on campus in 1927.

Another oddity discovered was that the Bearcats were so dubbed by the coach from Drury College, Springfield, in 1916. Before 1916, the Northwest athletic teams had no real name. They were called the "Normals," "Pedagogues" or "Ham Fats" by various newspapers.

In 1915, coach Walter Hanson's Northwest basketball team had some tenacious members. They played a tough game against Drury, tying at the end of the first

half and losing by five points in the second half. That year Northwest was tied with Drury for the state pennant but lost a game to William Jewell, resulting in Drury winning the pennant.

However, Northwest gained a rugged reputation.

When Northwest arrived in Springfield to play Drury the next year, the Drury coach asked Hanson if his "fighting bearcats" were ready for the big game.

Hanson carried the quote back to the Normal School, which adopted the name.

Other interesting bits of trivia and dates included in the book: June 6, 1917-First Tower yearbook out.

Oct. 10, 1924-First general Homecoming.

Nov. 17, 1938-Students left in charge while the faculty went to Kansas City to attend a teacher's meeting.

Dec. 8, 1941-Special assembly to hear broadcast of President Franklin Roosevelt's message to Congress asking for declaration against Japan.

Jan. 24, 1944-First electric typewriter added to the business department.

Sept. 5, 1945-Faculty votes to increase period between classes from five minutes to 10.

Sept. 8, 1952-Semester system put into effect.

Oct. 23, 1954-Estimated 12,000 people in town for Homecoming parade; Tau Kappa Epsilon float burned.

**Please Mr. Postman****Mailbox malady hits Stroller****STROLLER**

with the utmost caution.

There it was just like I remembered it. You always know you're either in trouble or owe money when the campus sends mail to you. It is pretty certain there isn't a secretary that just sits around mailing letters to lonesome coeds to make sure they are having a nice day.

The second giveaway: 'Dated material, forward if student is absent.' Well, that always makes this student pray to be absent. I shut my eyes as tightly as possible and prayed that the next time I opened my eyes my roommate's name would appear on the address. No luck.

But, stupidity overtook me as it usually does and I proceeded

whether or not my pick-up lines are working or whether there are any parties going on during a given night, it was hard to shake the feeling that this time was the last time I could make an excuse for my actions.

There could not possibly be any excuse left in the world to give to Mom and Dad after all my years and experiences in school. I had used up the ones pertaining to class overload, financial problems, the other person on this campus who had the same name as me who kept getting me into trouble, the one attempt to cook that burned all my textbooks, my roommate who made gorilla noises while sleeping and the aliens that came to earth to find an average human brain to

experiment on (boy they sure picked the right specimen) etc., etc., etc. What would I do now?

I needed some organization. Yeah, that's all it will take to fix this mess. So I fixed some popcorn, grabbed a Coke and set out in pursuit of excellence.

I woke up at 5:30 a.m., empty popcorn bowl in my hand and the first morning cartoons on TV, and found my way to bed.

After such determination and perseverance fizzled so fast, I came to realize just exactly how that D slip found its way into my mailbox.

Then again, maybe it was just a nightmare. In any case, I think I'll just worry about it tomorrow.

**LETTERS****Students react to letter of criticism**

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Becky Jo Baumker's letter ("Student not satisfied with Northwest," Oct. 4).

In response to Miss Baumker's opinion that Northwest is just a "party school" and that the administration should do something about it, they have. The Greek organizations are much more responsible about alcohol than they were as recently as two years ago and organizations like CARE are just two examples of how this university and its administration are taking steps toward responsibility and education where alcohol is concerned.

If the students want to drink off campus, however, that is their business. I don't think you or the university has the right to tell them they can't do so and if you want unannounced periodic searches of rooms then I suggest you try the University of Baghdad.

There are many things to encourage smart students to come to Northwest, such as the Presidential Scholarship programs, just to name one example. If every university were to follow your guidelines nobody but non-drinking high school seniors with an ACT of 26 or above would ever be allowed to receive a college education.

You, Miss Baumker, are sadly mistaken about this university. If you can't find people to meet your "social needs" here then maybe you should find another university to attend. I suggest that you read the article "Our View: Reasons to be proud" which was printed right above your letter in the Oct. 4 issue of the *Missourian*.

Dear Editor,

Concerning the letter which was printed in the Oct. 4 issue of the *Northwest Missourian*, we beg to differ. We feel that the argument is shallow, one-sided and that it is lacking the knowledge and experience to give an accurate depiction of this university.

As a freshman, you are probably taking general education courses which may not be as academically stimulating as you expected, but you can't base a judgment like that on the first two months of your college career. There are many students at this university that received over 27 on their ACT who are very satisfied with the education they are receiving.

In the past, Northwest had a reputation of being a party school, but the administration and the state of Missouri have worked to change this by declaring this a dry campus. If people fail to abide by the rules they pay the price. Residential assistants are not paid to be parents or babysitters, and should not be expected to take time out of their studies to periodically search dorm rooms as you suggested in your letter.

In closing, we would just like to say that we are very happy at Northwest and feel we have an advantage over other universities because of our Talent Development Center, writing skills lab, math skills lab and beginning courses in math. If the author of this letter wants to have pride in her school, we suggest you work to change it rather than degrade it and leave.

Sincerely,  
Amy Dunekacke  
Mary McDermott

**Features writer praised for coverage**

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the entire Gala Committee I want to express our sincere appreciation for the fine article your staff writer, Judy Green, wrote in the Oct. 11 edition of the *Northwest Missourian*.

It was well written and informative. Such excellent coverage is a real service to the students as well as to the music department and the Gala Committee.

Sincerely,  
Mary Jackson, co-chair  
Gala Committee



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Andy Seeley  
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## Career Day helps students find jobs

by Tonya Reser  
Staff Writer

Career Day, which was sponsored by the Office of Career Services, was held Oct. 16 in the J.W. Jones Union Ballroom. Over 40 companies participated.

This biannual event enables students to take a look at companies as potential employers and start setting goals for the years to come.

Large mailings, which consist of the names of over 1,000 companies, are sent out to get representatives from companies to come to Northwest and take part in Career Day. The representatives are from local, state and well-known Midwestern companies.

They each have a table where literature can be picked up by the students and large displays can be easily seen. These companies are looking for potential employees to fill openings in their company. They also provide information about what specific training a student needs to be hired by that particular company.

They are looking for students that are interested in internships, co-ops and full-time employment, according to Gaa.

The companies recruited for summer internships and for students graduating in December looking for full-time employment. Gaa estimated about 400-500 students attended the Career Day.

"The main reason for the career day is to establish students on the right path to obtain their career goals. They should really come and take advantage and find out what goals they as students need to strive for during

their education process," Gaa said.

One of the representatives at the career day was Michelle Miller for Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) based out of Kansas City. She is a returning representative and looking for December graduates needing full-time employment. She handed out a lot of literature to other students and told them what is required to be employed by the FDIC.

"I think this is a great set-up and it works very well. We have participated for several years and plan to continue coming back to Northwest," Miller said.

Gene Buia, recruiter for the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department signed nearly 20 students that showed possible interest in working on the police force. After graduating, these students will go to Kansas City and take the written police entry exam.

"Career Day has always been successful for us and it enables us to get numerous students signed up for the police force," Buia said.

Senior accounting major Mike Picray said, "As I understand, Career Day is to make the students aware of some of the career paths available and because of the broad representation of the different industries seeking many majors, it is very successful. I think we should express a vote of appreciation to Career Services for making it happen."

"If we don't have the students here, the companies won't be here either. The students do a beautiful job to support us and I am very proud of the Northwest students," Gaa said.

### Students vote with absentee ballots

by Jane Waske  
Staff Writer

Students living outside their voting district who want to participate in the November general elections may find it easy to do so.

According to Sherry Mackey, deputy of the Nodaway County Clerk, registered voters temporarily living outside their voting district may send written requests for an absentee ballot to the County Clerk's office in their original voting district. The ballot must be requested before Oct. 31 in order to be counted in the

election. Voters should include their name, home address and their Maryville address on the request.

After receiving and completing the ballot, voters need to have their signature on the outside of the ballot notarized. Nearly all offices on campus have notaries, as well as most banks and insurance offices. The ballot must then be mailed back to the County Clerk's office.

The absentee ballot allows students the convenience of voting within their original district while attending college in another district.



TEN YEAR CELEBRATION—Monday, Oct. 15, marked the 10 year anniversary of the PRSSA campus chapter. John Fluesmeier, Mary Walker and Dr. Kathie Leeper discuss further plans for PRSSA while in the lobby of Wells Hall. Since the signing of the charter 10 years ago the membership has tripled in size. Members of PRSSA will be attending the national convention Nov. 3-7 in New York. (Photo by Tim Todd)

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ments, holding auditions and working with a number of technical items in preparation for the event.

Despite the extensive preparation there are still some items that could emerge as problems.

Initially, NCAA restrictions dealing with the broadcast of sporting events made the taping of the football game questionable. After review of the situation, however, it was established that the game was being taped for educational purpose and the restrictions were irrelevant.

Last year the production crew acquired equipment from American Cable Visions of Kansas City. This year, however, they will be required to use the departmental equipment. Using this equipment will make the technical aspects of the production more difficult than last year.

Another major concern is that historically, with the exception of last year, Homecoming has been plagued by inclement weather. Under these conditions, taping the parade is a more difficult and unpleasant experience for the

crew.

Mass Communication instructor Mark Brislin seemed confident that the crew would pull off the production even if conditions proved unfavorable.

"The first year I was here it was 45 degrees and raining, but they still pulled it off," Brislin said. "Some years are better than others, but the students get out there and get it done every year. They put a lot of effort into the production and usually end up with a quality product."

Brislin also cited engineer Willie Adams, who is responsible for making sure all of the equipment is working correctly, as having an important role in the success of the productions.

"He is absolutely vital to this thing," Brislin said. "Without him they couldn't do any of it."

According to student producer Kurt Sempf, this year's programming will include some new features. The most prevalent of these is a number of pre-directed packages that will be plugged into the broadcasts at various intervals.

## Campus PRSSA group celebrates 10th anniversary

by Jodi Leseberg  
Staff Writer

With 10 years under their belt, the Public Relations Student Society of America chapter of Northwest still strives to present ideas in a different light, a light that shines with professionalism.

PRSSA, a nationally recognized organization, celebrated the 10th anniversary of the signing of their charter, Oct. 15. Since the signing of the charter, membership of the organization has tripled.

Robert Ellison, president of PRSSA, said during the celebration the purpose of their chapter was to cultivate a favorable and advantageous relationship between students and professional public relation credentials.

"PRSSA has given me the opportunities, otherwise not available, to write press releases and to intervene with other media," said member Angie Hammar.

First year member Denise Vogel said, "I feel PRSSA will give me an advantage when I enter the (public relations) business. The work I've done for

PRSSA will definitely look good on a resume."

"Promotion in Motion," an in-house, student-run public relations firm, was recently established to provide ample opportunity for students interested in working with promotion campaigns and public relation careers.

According to Darla Broste, director of "Promotion in Motion," many members have been recognized for their outstanding abilities in promotion campaigns; throughout the past 10 years, the most recent including one for Levi Strauss Co.

The project served as a money-maker for which the chapter received \$250.

Other past campaigns include the American Cancer Society, the Nodaway Historical Council and on campus groups, ROTC and the Pre-Law Club.

During this week, PRSSA will be busy working on a jalopy for Northwest's Homecoming parade. Members are also planning to attend the National PRSSA Conference in New York, Nov. 3-7.

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number of complaints that were received last year from visiting band members.

Dr. Robert Culbertson, vice president for Academic Affairs, said that Northwest received letters and phone calls from parents and band leaders complaining about the treatment the students were subjected to.

"My major concern is that the environment for the parade be safe and orderly," he said.

He added that the band members were sprayed with beer, had a beer thrown down a tuba and their hats taken off when passing

by the crowd.

"Last year was the first time that I have known that people came out into the streets and actually interfered with the parade participants," Hawkins said.

Both Wood and Hawkins feel that the presence of the officers may be enough to deter anyone from causing problems.

"I hope that we don't have any problems or any arrests at all. If they (students and others in the community) know that we are taking a hard stance, maybe they will choose not to act up," Wood said.

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"Hawaiian Song," Half Past Eight, "Route 66," Final Trick, "Cowboy Sweetheart;" The Dreamers, "Release Me;" Anthony Brown, "Please;" April Newquist, "Anything For You;" and a rap song written and performed by the Alliance for Black Collegians.

The Homecoming Queen and King will be announced Thursday, Oct. 18, at the conclusion of the show.

The show opened at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, and will run through Friday, Oct. 19, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Limited tickets are still available for the Thursday and Friday shows. Tickets may be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building.

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# A Tradition in the Making

## Northwest football celebrates 75 years

by Gene Morris  
Sports Editor

**A** lot has changed in the game of football since the Bearcats played their first official game in 1916.

Back then, there were less than 20 people on the team. Players were not changed on every down like they are today, and the guys from the old school had to play the entire game.

The 1920 season was cut short for the Bearcats. The team was not able to field 11 players because of injuries and ended the season with a 0-2 record.

The Bearcats posted their first winning season four years later with the arrival of coach H. F. Lawrence. Lawrence guided the team to a 6-1 record in 1924. The team outscored their opponents 101-14 that year.

Also under Lawrence the team captured their first MIAA title the following year with a 7-0-1 record. The team outscored their opponents 121-28. Lawrence finished his coaching career at Northwest the following year with a 6-2 record.

Under Lawrence, the Bearcats were 19-3-2 for a winning percentage of .86. That mark is still a record for Northwest coaches. The team outscored their opponents 334-115.

One member of the 1925 MIAA championship team was captain Sam England, who was an all-Missouri tackle for the Bearcats. During Homecoming celebrations in 1985, England was selected to the Northwest M-Club Hall of Fame.

"Now my heart overflows to all with the deepest appreciation to all and the many who contributed to that great honor bestowed upon a Bearcat who, way back in 1925, contributed to a bit of the athletic history of the old school," wrote England in a special letter to the University, which was printed in the Northwest Alumni magazine.

"But, in all my glory, there is a spot of sadness creeping underneath when I remember my teammates, who, as far as I can determine, are all gone," England said. "But I hope they were with me in spirit that Friday night, Oct. 11, 1985."

E.A. Davis took over for the Bearcats the following year and the team slumped to a 1-7 record. The team posted a 12-10-5 record over the next three years, leaving

the 1931 team doubtful in the eyes of critics.

The 1931 team not only erased those doubts, but put itself into the Northwest record books by exhibiting a near perfect season. The Bearcats were 9-0-0 while holding their opponents to a single touchdown. They outscored their opponents 190-6 for their second MIAA title.

"It was a great year," said starting quarterback Ryland Milner. "We didn't have too many out for football, but we had a good club."

Despite outscoring their opponents 86-62, the Bearcats were 2-5-2 during Milner's first year as coach. The Bearcats would not have another losing record for 10 years under Milner.

There have been other teams go undefeated at Northwest, but none have come close to the 1931 team's record of eight shutouts. The 1931 team will be inducted into the Northwest Missouri State University Athletic Hall of Fame during halftime of the Bearcats' Homecoming football game Saturday.

The game has certainly changed since Milner played quarterback for the Bearcats.

"We didn't substitute in those days," he said. "You had to play the game both ways."

"When you had to play the game both ways, it was rough," Milner said. "I don't know if we were any tougher. You just did your job or someone else took your place."

The Bearcats won the title in 1938 with a record of 9-0. They defended the title the following year with another 9-0 season. The team posted a record of 10-4-2 during the '41 and '42 season to rack up two more titles.

According to Milner the changes have taken some things from the game.

"It has lost a lot from the individual standpoint...Now you go in for a play and you're out the next," he said.

The Bearcats were 6-2 in 1948 to capture the school's sixth title.

Milner coached his last title team in 1952. The team was 6-3 and won the title despite being outscored by their opponents 161-131.

Milner's philosophy of coaching stemmed from an experience he had with a coach of his.

"It was against the rules for a coach to call the plays back then," Milner said. "If you have a quarterback who knows what's going

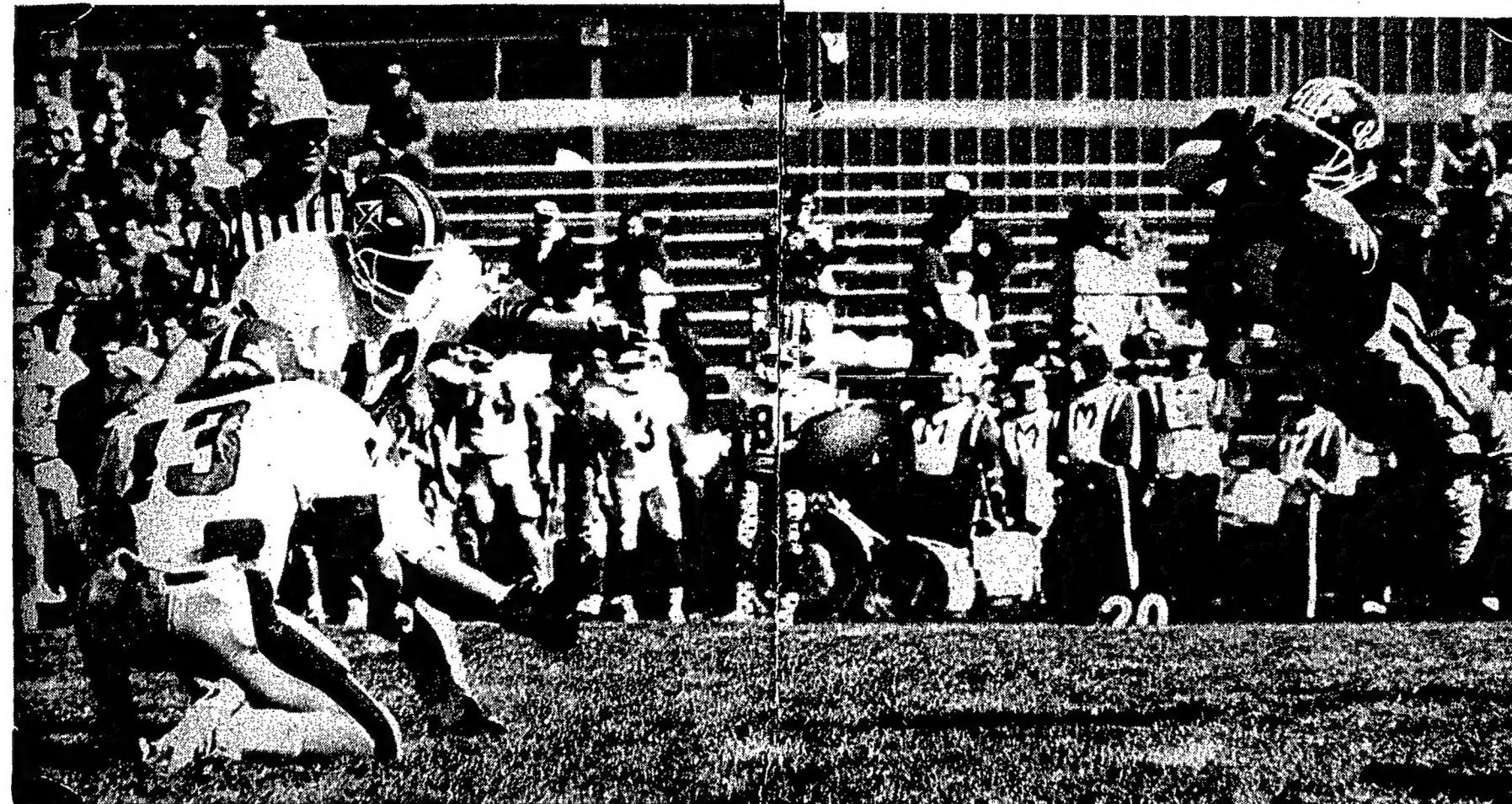
"My old coach said, 'I don't give a damn if you like me or not. All I want is your respect.' I tried to follow that as a coach."

Ryland Milner  
former coach / player



WHERE DID HE GO?—Left, Bill Bennett scores against Washington University. (Photo courtesy of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

FAMOUS FIRSTS—Below, the 1925 Bearcats were the first Northwest football team to win the MIAA championship. (Photo from 1950 Northwest Missourian)



FLYING BEARCAT—Jason Agee goes airborne to block a field goal attempt by Southern Missouri State University during the 1989 season. (Photo by Scott Jenson)

## Hall of Fame: new inductees to be honored Saturday

by Gene Morris  
Sports Editor

**T**wo teams and two individuals will be inducted into the Northwest Missouri State University Athletic Hall of Fame Saturday.

Ed Massbarger and Don Sears will be formally inducted during halftime of the Bearcats' Homecoming game against Washburn University. The 1931 football team and the 1929-30 basketball team will also be inducted.

Massbarger was a two-year football letterman for coach Ryland Milner. After graduating from Northwest in 1956, Massbarger coached football, basketball, softball and track at Fillmore High School. He went on to coach baseball and basketball at Benedictine

Heights University and then at the University of Dallas.

Sears was a four-year letterman for the basketball team. He averaged 10.1 points and 8.1 rebounds per game during his freshman year. It was only the beginning for him at Northwest.

As a sophomore he led the team in scoring with an average of 13.7 points per game. He also led the MIAA in rebounds with an average of 14.5 per game. This mark stands as a record today.

He became the first athlete ever to win two MIAA sportsmanship awards. His career point total at Northwest was 1,154. He also had 874 rebounds, including 300 in one season and 22 during a single game.

Massbarger also coached at San Angelo, Texas. In 1987 the team won the first Lone Star Conference championship in the school's history. ASU has been 179-163 since he took over 12 years ago. He was named the LSC Coach of the Year twice and enters the 1990-91 season as second-winningest

coach in NCCA Division II.

Seven Bearcats earned MIAA first team honors. Among them were quarterback Ryland Milner and fullback H. Fisher. Two players were chosen second team all-MIAA and three received honorable mention.

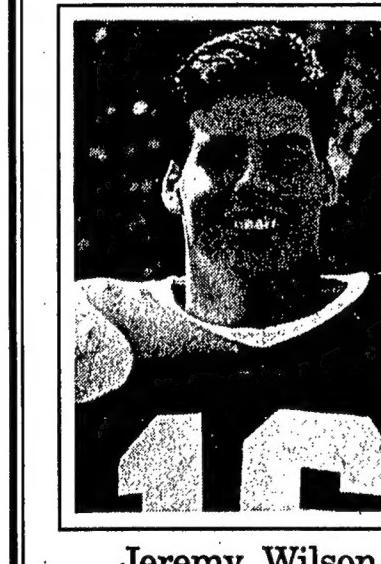
The 1929-30 team won all 31 of their games under new coach Henry Iba. They are the only Northwest basketball team to win six times and NAIA Coach of the Year once.

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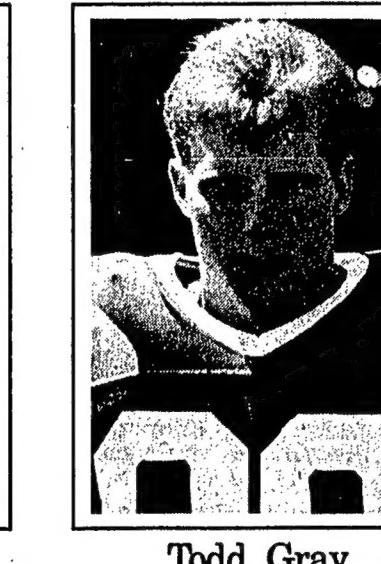


ONE TOUGH TEAM—The 1939 Bearcat football team was undefeated. The team won a school record 21 straight games going back to 1938. (Photo courtesy of Sports Information)

### Joining the ranks



Jeremy Wilson



Todd Gray



Ed Tillison



Jason Agee

Four members of the 1990 Bearcat football team are ranked in the top 10 statistically in Northwest's all time history.

They are defensive back Jason Agee, punter Todd Gray, fullback Ed Tillison and quarterback Jeremy Wilson.

Interceptions  
Jason Agee, (13), tied for 4th place with Marty Albertson ('74-'77)

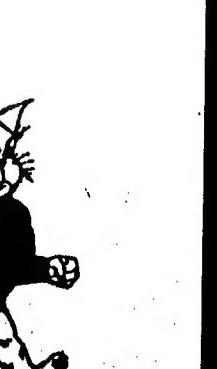
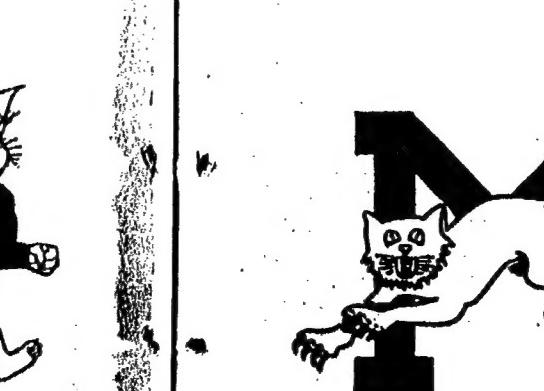
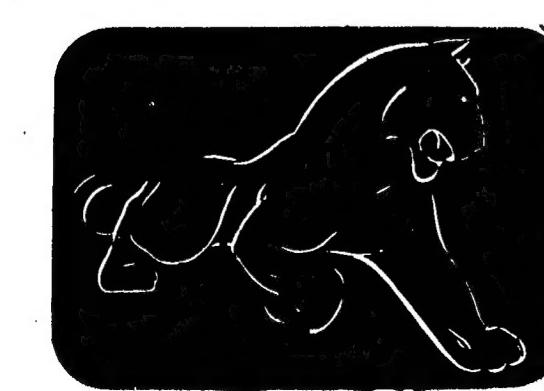
Total Punting Yards  
Todd Gray (5,264) third place

Average Yards Per Punt  
Todd Gray (36.1) sixth place

Total Offense  
Jeremy Wilson (3,384) third place

Total Scoring  
Jeremy Wilson (140) fifth place

Rushing  
Ed Tillison (2,297) third place  
Jeremy Wilson (1,985) fourth place





## Northwest Flyers meet tonight

The Northwest Flyers will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Union Courtyard and continuing at 7 p.m. in the Stockman Room.

There will be free bicycle registration by the Maryville Police Department. Other Flyers activities include the first annual Bikathon.

It will begin at 10 a.m., Oct. 20. It is scheduled to last until 3 p.m., but if the rider's miles equal the number of dollars donated, it could end earlier.

Club member David Flynn will be riding one mile for every dollar donated.

## Pep rally to be held

Student Senate and KDLX are sponsoring a Bon Fire/Pep Rally after the Variety Show on Oct. 19.

Plans include a bon fire, a sing-a-long, and other activities to raise spirit for Homecoming.

## Complex concerned with health

North and South Complex are sponsoring Health Awareness Week, Oct. 22-25.

A dance, "Tango Under the Tower" will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Oct. 22. In case of rain, it will be held in the Spanish Den.

At 7 p.m. and again at 8 p.m., Oct. 23 and 24, there will be seminars discussing different aspects of health. The seminars will be held in the Union.

At 5 p.m. on Oct. 25, there will be a two-mile fun run. Any one wishing to participate should report to the front of South Complex by 5 p.m.

For more information regarding Health Awareness Week, contact Mike Malone at 562-5013 or Angelina Bua at 562-5018.

## Lynes has work published

Dr. Jeanette Lynes, assistant professor of English, published an article, "Strangely Strung Beads: Wayne Johnson's Story of Bobby O'Malley" in Studies in Canadian Literature.

Her view on Earle Birney's "Spreading Time" will appear in the fall 1990 issue of The American Review of Canadian Studies.

## Makeup pictures scheduled

Makeup photos for the Tower yearbook will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 22 and 24 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 23, in the Student Union Colonial Room.

Makeup photos are for all classes, faculty and staff. No appointments are necessary.

## Council to take donations for shingles

Northwest's Support Staff Council is launching a fund-raising campaign designed to provide funding for a Support Staff-sponsored scholarship.

The Support Staff has collected some of the discarded slate shingles recently removed from the Administration Building. Some are full size 12"x18" shingles and some much smaller. The shingles are available as University memorabilia. In return, the Support Staff is hoping for donations to its scholarship fund.

Persons interested can see the shingles beginning at 8 a.m. on Oct. 20 on the front lawn of the Alumni House.

The shingles will also be available at the Support Staff bake sale beginning at 8 a.m., Oct. 25, in the Administration Building.

## 'Awareness Now' films to be shown

The Northwest chapter of Amnesty International and the department of Mass Communication have developed a film/discussion series that will address the problem of repressive governments and the meaning of freedom and human rights.

The film/discussion series, entitled "Awareness-Now," will meet in the Wells Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Mondays twice monthly. Admission is free.

The movies to be screened will be Hollywood-style action films, rather than documentaries. The purpose is to entertain as well as inform. The films in the series are "Missing" Oct. 22, "Romero" Nov. 5, "The White Rose" Nov. 19, and "The Marriage of Marie Braun" Dec. 3. Although based on true stories, each has an exciting and suspenseful structure audiences are used to seeing in popular movies such as "Die Hard" and "Ghost."

## Riley to serve on visitation team

Dr. Nancy Riley, associate professor of curriculum and instruction and director of special education programs at Northwest, has been named to serve on a visitation team to evaluate the teacher education programs at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

The team evaluates professional education programs through information obtained from interviews, documents and validation procedures.

## Easterla attends meeting

Dr. David Easterla, professor of biology and curator of birds, mammal and herptiles at Northwest, recently attended the annual fall meeting of the Audubon Society of Missouri at Camp Clover Point, Lake of the Ozarks.

Accompanying him were two Northwest wildlife ecology and conservation majors, Mark Flammang and Scott Stephens.

Activities at the conference included field trips, exhibits, meetings and an evening program speaker from the Missouri Department of Conservation who spoke on the "wetlands."



Dr. David Easterla

## Wicker to address students

"New York Times" columnist Tom Wicker will deliver two addresses while at Northwest on Oct. 25 and 26.

At 7:30 p.m., Oct. 25, he will speak as part of the University's Distinguished Lecture Series at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

The following morning at 9 a.m. in the Student Union Ballroom, he will deliver the keynote address at Northwest's annual Media Day for high school students.

Wicker's visit is sponsored by the department of Mass Communication and the University's Culture of Quality project.

There will be no admission charge for his talk on Thursday night.

## X-106 week on the way

X-106 week will be Oct. 29-Nov. 2.

"KDLX Fall Freeze" will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 29, under the bell tower. KDLX will provide music and free hotdogs and soda.

At 7 p.m., Oct. 30, in the Brown Hall Gymnasium, KDLX will sponsor the "X-106 Dodge Ball Tournament." The tournament will end when the bracket is finished. Entries must be in by 5 p.m., Oct. 29.

The "X-106 Halloween Bash" will be Oct. 31 at The Power Station. A prize of \$106 will be given for the best costume.

"X-106 Free for all," will be Nov. 1 at Molly's. It is an open party on the square, with music provided by KDLX. A raffle for "ZZ Top" tickets and gas to get there will be held.

Friday will bring "Midnight Madness." X-106 and the United Way will sponsor bowling at the Bearcat Lanes. Live music will be provided by KDLX.

Along with the week's activities will be a banner contest. Top prize is \$106. The winner will be announced at the "Free for all" on Nov. 1. Listen to KDLX for details.

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## Luster, Agee spoil Homecoming for Missouri-Rolla Miners

by Jason Bruhn  
Staff Writer

Freshman quarterback Lawrence Luster and defensive back Jason Agee led the Bearcats to a 21-13 victory over the Miners of Missouri-Rolla Saturday.

It was the 'Cats' first victory in four weeks, and UMR's 15th straight loss, the longest losing streak currently in place at the NCAA Division II level.

It was Homecoming weekend for the Miners, which made the win even better for Bearcat players.

"It is always great to spoil somebody's Homecoming," Luster said. "The morale on the team had been kind of low, but when things started going good, all the bad things went down the drain."

Luster took over for injured starter Chad Dousharm late in the first quarter and guided the Bearcat's offense. Luster had two touchdowns with runs of 4 and 25 yards. Agee anchored the defense with two interceptions and a blocked field goal.

The Miners took an early 7-0 lead on the Bearcats, Luster scored on a four-yard touchdown, freshman Jason Krone scored from the 12, and the 'Cats went up 14-7.

Free safety Jason Agee secured the seven-point lead by blocking a Miner field goal attempt late in the first half.

Luster scored again on a 25-yard run and the Miners added two field goals, but fell short of the Bearcats 21-13. Luster led the Bearcats to 280 yards rushing on 66 carries,

although the offense committed 5 fumbles.

Coach Bud Elliott, who liked what he saw from his freshman quarterback off the bench, said, "I thought Luster did a good job under the circumstances."

Although it was his first full varsity game, Luster said he did not feel nervous going into the game. "I had played in games before, so that took the butterflies part out of it," he said.

Luster also said the other team members were helpful with him during the game.

"During the game they supported me," he said. "They helped me keep my cool."

Agee was pleased with the performance of the team Saturday.

Agee also felt the win was a boost for the 'Cats.

"Missouri-Rolla has been on fire," said Agee. "Although their record doesn't show it, they are a very tough team, and it meant a lot."

The Bearcat defense held the Miners to 241 yards total offense and capped on three turnovers. Lineman Dave Svehla led all defenders with 16 tackles, and lineman Erik Petersen accumulated three quarterback sacks.

The victory was Northwest's first at Rolla since 1979. "They played pretty doggone tough," Elliott said. "Anytime you get a win down there you have got to feel good about it."



Lawrence Luster

## 'Kittens keep Kangaroos in pouch; win match in three straight sets

by Gene Morris  
Sports Editor

The Bearkitten volleyball team swept three sets from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Kangaroos Tuesday night in Lamkin.

The match victory improved the team's record to 14-11. The loss dropped UMKC to 0-20.

During the first set of the match, the Bearkittens scored the first four points and the final 11 points for a 15-1 win. Jennifer Hepburn served for eight consecutive points in the second match to guide the team to a 15-3 win.

The volleyball team did not let their guard down until the third set. In that set Northwest took a 6-0 lead and then let UMKC come back to tie. The Bearkittens' then staged a comeback, while the Kangaroos were held to three more points before the set and match ended.

"It wasn't a challenge," said coach Peggy Voisin. "We didn't have to play defense tonight."

The victory was a nice shot in the arm going into the MIAA Round Robin this weekend, according to the players.

"It was a good win because it lifted our morale," said Kathy Lauher, who led the team with 11 kills. "I thought things went really well."

Jennifer Hepburn, who led the team with 17 assists, said, "We worked together really well. I think the win was important to boost our confidence." Hepburn was named the Bearkittens' Player of the Week for her performance.

The MIAA Round Robin will be a challenge for the Bearkittens, coach Peggy Voisin said.

"Saturday will be the real test," Voisin said. "If we keep our heads where they should be, we'll come out all right."

The Bearkittens played the match without setter Rhonda McDonald, who injured her back. McDonald will not be available for any action this weekend.

According to the players, the depth of the team should keep the injury from hurting the team.

"I feel confident in our subs," Hepburn said. "I feel a little more pressure, but I think the team will pull together and make up for the injury."

Lauher said, "Having the new people come in and click right away helped the entire team."

Jennifer Rees, who played at the setter position for the Bearkittens, had 12 assists during the match. Rees will be one of the setters used to replace McDonald. Rees also had two serving aces during the match.

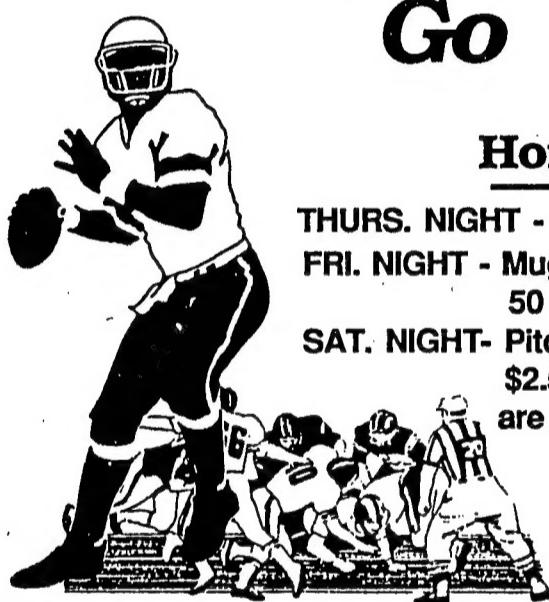


A-DINK-A-DO—Bearkitten hitter Kathy Lauher dinks the ball over a UMKC block. The Bearkittens won in three straight sets, improving to 14-11.(Photo by Scott Jenson)

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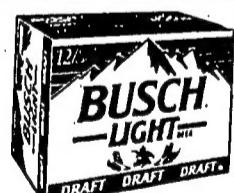


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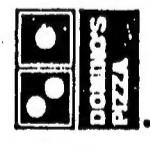


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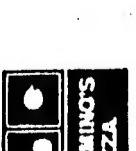
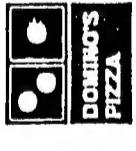
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## Bearkittens take second in meet; three runners place in top 10

by Joe Bowersox  
Staff Writer

Sherry Messner finished second to pace the Bearkittens in the Northwest Distance Classic at Nodaway Lake Saturday.

The Bearkittens, who had three runners in the top 10, took second in the meet. Messner led the way with a time of 18 minutes and 31 seconds.

Messner said the type of race she had will help her at the conference meet.

"I think it will give me more confidence going into the conference meet," she said.

Following close behind Mess-

ner was Kim O'Riley, who finished 4th overall and Rhea Eustice who was 7th. Other Bearkittens in the top five of the team were Tina Ross, 18th and Lisa McDermott, 20th.

The team's performance was increased over last week's 6th place finish at the Southwest Missouri State Invitational.

"Last week was a surprise to everyone because I don't think we realized how bad we ran until the race was over," O'Riley said.

"This week was a big boost," said O'Riley. "I think we concentrated on the competition more."

Northwest starts to gear up for the conference meet this

weekend.

"Physically the coach has us prepared, but we have to want it mentally," said O'Riley.

O'Riley is very optimistic about the team's chances at the conference meet. "We have a chance to finish in the top three," O'Riley said.

"As a team, we will have to have four runners in the 19 minute range, and the 5th runner in the low 20's," O'Riley said. "It's a very obtainable goal."

O'Riley plans to better her 15th place finish in last year's meet.

"I hope to finish in the top 15," O'Riley said. "The top 10 would be great."

## Plagued: Bearcats meet surrounded by injuries, controversy

by Joe Bowersox  
Staff Writer

The Bearcat cross country team took third place at the Northwest Distance Classic Saturday in a meet that was plagued with sickness, injuries and controversy.

The 14th ranked Bearcats came into the meet short handed. Ryun Middleton and Kenrick Sealy were not able to compete in the meet.

Middleton was out due to eligibility problems with his transfer from Southeast Missouri State last fall. He attended Northwest for two weeks of the spring semester, but left due to medical reasons.

According to the NCAA, his attendance counts for a full semester since he left for medical reasons. Under the one-time transfer rule, this allows him to be eligible for this semester if he is medically cleared.

"We thought we had everything cleared up," said assistant

coach Mike Robbins. "Middleton has been medically cleared."

Northwest is waiting for Conference Commissioner Ken B. Jones to decide if Middleton is eligible or not. It is not known when Middleton will be cleared.

"The guys were upset," Robbins said of Middleton's situation.

Sealy was not able to run in the meet due to shin splints. Sealy has been the Bearcats' top runner most of the year.

Eric Green fell during the race and decided not to continue because the nature of the injury was not known.

"I was disappointed," he said. "I had a good time going. I wasn't sure how injured I was, so I left, but I'll be ready this weekend."

Robb Finegan won the individual title with a first place finish. He was followed by Darryl Wagner, who was suffering from a cold.

"I wasn't planning on running

this week, but I had to because of the injuries," he said. "I think we were more concerned with the national rankings and next week's meet, instead of doing our job."

Bearcat freshman Sean Boyle ran in his first collegiate meet. Boyle finished 17th overall.

"I was glad to be in our top five, but I was disappointed it happened because of injuries," Boyle said. "Since it was the first meet I've ran in, it helped having it at home."

Robbins said, "We were pleased with Boyle. He showed the talent that made him the 11th ranked runner in Iowa last year."

The Bearcats must now focus their attention on the conference meet this weekend.

Robbins said he felt the team would be close to full strength by the time of the meet.

"This is the type of race that you will run regardless of injury," he said.

RUN THROUGH THE FIELDS—Geri McFarland runs beside an opponent from Tarkio College in the Northwest Distance Classic at Nodaway Lake. The girl's cross country team placed second in the race. (Photo by Bruce Campbell)

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	Broncos at Colts	Broncos	Broncos
	Saints at Oilers	Saints	Oilers
	Jets at Bills	Bills	Bills
	Eagles at Redskins	Redskins	Redskins
	Falcons at Rams	Rams	Rams
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by Gene Morris  
Sports Editor

The National League Pennant has already been decided, but the debate for the Most Valuable Player is just beginning.

A lot of people are looking at the Pirates who have Bobby Bonilla and Barry Bonds. Both of these men have had great years and are certainly candidates for the MVP award.

Bonilla ended the season with 32 HR's, 120 RBI's and a batting average of .280. His teammate in left field, Bonds, ended the year with 33 HR's, 114 RBI's and a batting average of .301.

While they are both worth mentioning when discussing the MVP award, there is another player who has to be given serious consideration for it.

The Chicago Cubs may have finished near the bottom of the National League's Eastern Division, but their second baseman is second to none.

Ryne Sandberg should be the National League MVP this year. His statistics speak for themselves.

Sandberg led the National League in runs scored with 116 and in homers with 40. He was second in hits with 188 and in slugging percentage with one of .559.

He will undoubtedly win the Gold Glove Award for second base again this year. He played 115 straight games without an error.

Sandberg finished the season with 40 HR's, 100 RBI's and a batting average of .306. He also had 25 stolen bases and played in 155 of the Cubs' 162 contests this season.

I know right away a lot of people are going to say that Sandberg should not get it just because he played for a team that finished fifth.

A lot of people say the MVP is for the most valuable player. They would ask, "How valuable could Sandberg have been to the Cubs when they still finished fifth?"

I like to think the MVP is for the best player in the league. The place his team finishes in the standings has nothing to do with the award.

Bonds had a better slugging percentage, more runs batted in and a better on-base percentage than Sandberg. He also stole twice as many bases as Sandberg did.

However, Sandberg led Bonds in home runs, batting average, runs scored and hits. Another fact worth noting is the number of walks each of the players received.

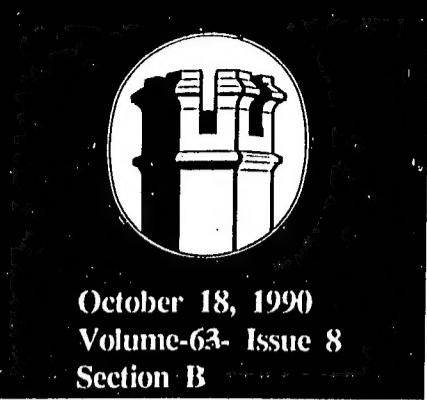
Sandberg was walked twice as much as Bonds was during the season. The more feared a hitter is, the more he tends to get walked. This seems to show the pitchers were more willing to face Bonds than they were Sandberg.

Who would you rather face with the game on the line? Neither one would be a Sunday stroll in the park. I have seen Sandberg hit enough dingers off the Cardinals to know I would rather face Bonds any day.

The Cubs came up short this season, but that should not hold Sandberg behind his peers. I think it is even harder to have a great year when you are with a terrible team.

Bonds has to be getting better pitches to hit while playing for the Pirates than Sandberg will with the Cubs. Don't think Wrigley stacked up Sandberg's numbers either.

He knocked the ball out of almost every park in the league including several dingers in the Astrodome. They only park big enough to contain Sandberg this year is Yellowstone.



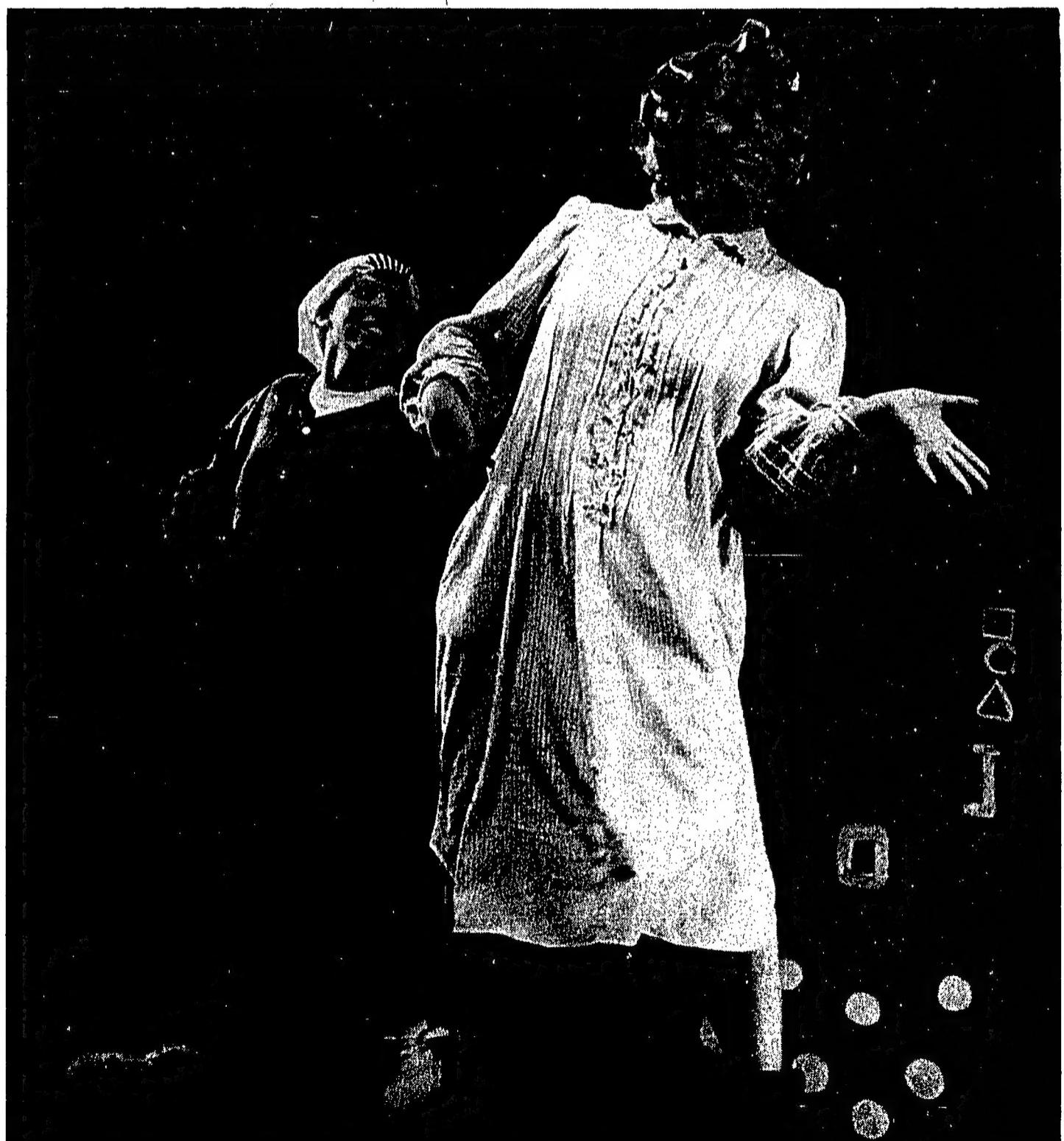
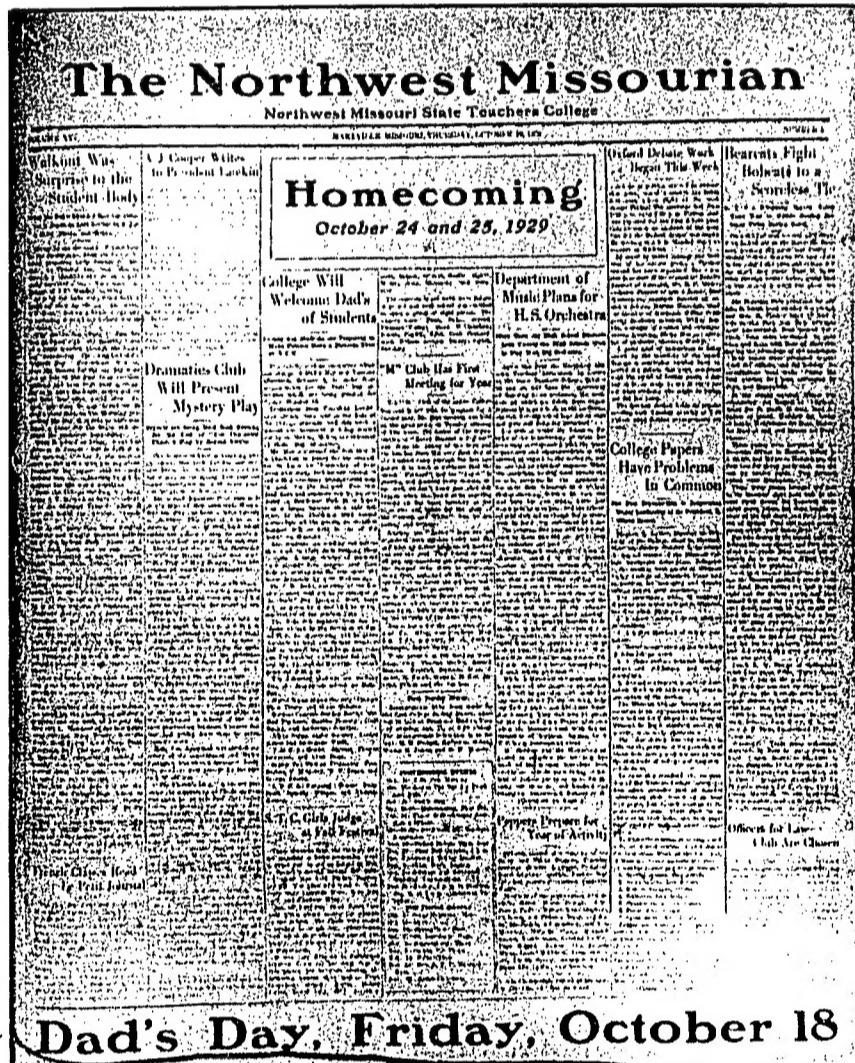
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NORTHWEST

# CAMPUS LIFE

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by Pat Schurkamp  
*Features Editor*

ust like the roots of the birches at Northwest, the Homecoming celebration has been a long-standing tradition.

Although the first general Homecoming was not held until 1924, the Philomathean Literary Society had been holding Homecomings for 11 years.

The *Green and White Courier* reported on Oct. 29, 1919, that the Philomatheans had held their annual Homecoming on Oct. 23. The article further said, "Many former Philomatheans were present and letters were read from some of those unable to attend the reception. Blue crepe paper and yellow autumn leaves decorated the room artistically in the Philomatheans' colors."

By 1929, a simple three-column banner in the *Northwest Missourian* announced the arrival of Homecoming.

A Homecoming dance was sponsored by the Sigma Mu Delta Fraternity in 1933. Admission price for the dance was 50 cents.

Oct. 25, 1935, saw the arrival of more than 300 students and teachers attending the Homecoming party. "Buster" Strong's Dance Orchestra provided the music. The hall was decorated to represent a football field with goal posts at each end. Those who did not care to dance could play bridge, pinochle or other games of choice.

The 1936 Homecoming, also known as a "get-together" of alumni, now took on a theme name; the "Kickoff." The dance was held in the West Library which was decorated in a football motif. Every 50th person who entered the hall was admitted free. For those who had to pay, the price was dropped to 25 cents.

Details of the Homecoming evening activities were kept secret in 1941 in order to "inject an element of surprise into the proceedings." No information could be found as to what the activities were.

In 1947, the sculptured bearcat made its first public appearance at Homecoming. The papier-mache Bearcat still stands in the Bearcat Den in the Union building.

A Homecoming dance was held in the evening with Albert Fike, an alumni, acting as master of ceremonies.

Autumn leaves were once again the decoration theme for the Homecoming dance in 1950. This time, special lighting effects were constructed to produce "scintillating effects" which created an illusion of the sunshine seeping through the branches of a tree and partially shining on clusters of leaves.

Also in 1950, members of the 1925 championship football team were the honored guests for Homecoming. Most of the members of the team were on campus. Others wrote letters and only two were unaccounted for. Those two were serving in the reserves.

By 1953, a Homecoming parade had become tradition at Northwest. Sixteen floats entered the parade. The Homecoming dance saw a price increase from 25 cents to \$1.50.

The 1954 Homecoming parade boasted an attendance of 12,000 people.

Forty-three marching bands reported for the 1957 Homecoming parade along with 17 floats, 12 jalopies and approximately 20 clowns.

With the Homecoming queen now a steady tradition, the Association of Women Students built a float for the reigning queen to ride on in the parade.

From 1962 until 1979 themes for the Homecoming parade ranged from "Broadway Productions" to "Comic strip Characters." The 50th Homecoming parade's theme was "Famous Historical Happenings." It was held in 1973.

The 1980 Homecoming parade theme was "Diamond Memories at Northwest." It celebrated 75 years of Homecomings. Alumni returned to see skits and floats about the kissing bridge, Mike the old mascot, the Stroller, the birch trees, college pond, the flying bearcats and panty raids.

The headline in the *Missourian* for the 1985 Homecoming read, "Slow start. Lack of funds are overcome, activities have happy ending. Only eight floats entered the parade that year. The sororities reported that they did not enter due to their limited financial budget.

Winnie-the-Pooh and friends made an appearance at the 1989 Homecoming parade. The theme for 1989 was "Hooray for Hollywood."

This year the theme is "One for the Books." Sororities, fraternities and other organizations have been working hard to make this Homecoming one of the best just like those Homecomings of the past.

...to the present



LET'S PUT ON A SHOW—Alpha Sigma Alpha members perform in the grand finale of their skit "Bobby and the Chocolate Factory" Wednesday in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The variety show will be performed again both Thursday and Friday nights. (Photo by Don Carrick)

# Tradition Walkout Day

The following excerpts on Northwest traditions have been taken from "Behind the Birches" by Mattie M. Dykes and "Towers of the Northwest" by Virgil and Delores Albertini.

by Michelle Larison  
University Editor

**T**he day before Homecoming can mean many things to many people, but one distinguishing feature is the fact that it is Walkout Day. To the average person, it would seem that Walkout Day has always been the same but a look into Northwest history finds this tradition to have been the subject of much controversy and change.

The first Walkout Day was Oct. 22, 1915. "The two literary societies, the Eurekans and the Philomatheans, had met as usual on Thursday night, and it was then that the plans for the walkout were made. Members of the societies passed the word around so quietly that nobody on the faculty suspected what was happening. When 8 a.m. arrived, students went to class as usual. Suddenly the notes of a bugle resounded through the corridors, and 208 students out of an enrollment of about 300 walked out of their classes, leaving instructors with half-finished sentences. They stopped in the lower hall only long enough to see that everybody knew where they were going and then proceeded down past the president's residence, singing lustily the Normal School songs and giving school yells."

During the first years of Walkout Day, then known as the fall picnic, the event was in the hands of the senior class. They collected money from fellow students and bought as much food as they could. In 1932, there was not enough money collected for food so President Lamkin agreed to let the college kitchen prepare a free meal for the students. After that, the senior class gave up Walkout Day as a source of class revenue and it was turned over to the Senate.

Activities changed as Walkout Day became associated with freshmen initiation. The M-Club was awarded responsibility of the day because Senate felt they could do a better job of enforcing rules and intimidating the freshmen.

In the years from 1956 to 1959, Walkout Day was still associated with the end of freshmen hazing and the fall tradition included the upper-classmen parading freshmen uptown to the courthouse where Student Senate conducted a "Kangaroo Court." Students were offered the opportunity to "have a fine lunch, participate in the variety show, see a movie and dance in the Union."

The year 1960 will be remembered for the rebellion that was evident as freshmen stole the clapper of the victory bell, which is used to signal the beginning of Walkout Day. They were tired of domination by the M-Club and said they would return the clapper when things changed. Rather than change their ways, the M-Club said, "No clapper, no Walkout Day." The clapper was returned. However, "six freshmen kidnapped Student Body President Dale Cramer and kept him hostage overnight in a deserted farmhouse. The next morning the six locked him in a broom closet at the Nodaway County Courthouse before he was freed. The six plus one unsuspecting student were branded with seven shaved heads that spelled out the word BEARCAT."

There was no fall Walkout Day in 1966 as the tradition was taken from the fall semester and added to spring events. Walkout Day would not return to the fall term until 1977.

In the spring of 1971, Walkout Day was eliminated because it was felt that too many students were spending their time going to pubs where the proprietors would serve alcohol illegally to minors. Students left the events that were designed to keep them on campus to find entertainment of their own.

Offered as a substitute for Walkout Day was Joe Toker Daze—organized fun intended to "divert fun for students." No one knew when the day would take place, they would just go to their 8 a.m. class one day and the bell would signal that they could go.

The year 1977 brought Walkout Day back to Northwest. It came to be that classes would be dismissed the day prior to Homecoming to permit students time to prepare for festivities, securing the tradition firmly back into its original fall time slot.

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SEALED WITH A KISS—Top, A Northwest couple makes good use of the kissing bridge while keeping an old tradition alive. The tradition is that a girl should be considered a co-ed only after being kissed on the bridge before the first snow fall. (Photo by Sabine Grable)

RUFF RUFF—Above, Bailey visits the resting place of Mike the dog. (Photo by Sabine Grable)

STUDY BELL—Right, Tabetha Inlow studies by the Bell of '48 which will ring at 8 a.m. Friday to signal Walkout Day. (Photo by Sabine Grable)



## Northwest recalls forgotten campus traditions

### THE STROLLER

The Stroller, one of the oldest traditions on the campus, made his/her appearance in the campus newspaper, the *Green and White Courier*, in 1918. He was anonymous, or she was, and throughout the years he has kept her anonymity. In anonymity is safety, the Stroller was told each year when he was instructed in matters concerning good taste in jokes, the ethics of such reporting as he would do, the dangers of libel, and restrictions which a writer of such a column must observe. The Stroller is characterized by his sense of humor, his keenness of observation, his ability to recognize a joke or humorous situations and his ability to write entertainingly.

Since his appearance in 1918, a few attempts have been made to deprive him of his column in the newspaper. Each time, such a clamor of protest has gone up from the student body that it had to be restored.

The column probably reached its highest triumph in 1930 when the Stroller was used as a motif for the Tower. "Traditions," say the editors, "endear students to the Alma Mater, and the young school must strive to build them...The Stroller wanders through our book to keep alive a tradition that has been a part of our college life since Jan. 8, 1918, when the *Green and White Courier*, the college paper of that time, carried the announcement, 'The Stroller Has Come.'"

### MIKE THE DOG

To the right of the drive as one approaches the turn-about at the east entrance of the Administration building is a tiny monument of marble bearing this inscription: MIKE To the Memory of our Dog Died May 15, 1917. The monument honors a little tramp dog that came to the campus one day, liked college life, endeared himself to students and faculty alike, and became an "integral and indispensable part of the institution," according to contemporary reports. The little grayish dog, whom somebody christened Mike, "visited around" at night, first at the home of one faculty member and then another, returning frequently to the

homes where he liked his bed and board.

He often made field trips, sometimes by himself, often with classes. On May 15, 1917, he joined an agriculture class that was spraying trees with arsenate of lead. Mike got thirsty. Not being very good in chemistry, he did not know the character of arsenate of lead and tried to quench his thirst. Nothing that the students or the veterinarian they called did could save the life of the college pet.

### THE KISSING BRIDGE

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KING FINALISTS—Homecoming king candidates and their sponsoring organization are front row, Rocco Bene, Delta Chi; Tom Vansaghi, Phi Mu. Back row, Riaz Amin, International Students Organization; Steve Anderson, Sigma Tau Gamma and Garrick Baxter, ROTC. (Photo courtesy News and Info)

## Homecoming queen is a long tradition

by Gene Morris  
*Sports Editor*

There are queens in nearly every Homecoming and Northwest has been no exception over the years.

The first Northwest co-ed to actually bear the title Homecoming Queen was Maryville resident Mary Bruce. She was selected by the students just like the queen for this year's Homecoming will be selected.

There was an interesting oddity for Northwest in 1965. Instead of having one Homecoming Queen that year, the University had two. The students thought they were selecting the queens that year, but

something changed all of that. The student body vote did not end in a tie that year, but supporters for the two women violated election campaign rules. When the violations were noticed, members of the Student Senate wrestled over the decision for several hours.

After deliberating, the senate, which was led by Jerry Taylor, opted for a duo of queens. The two were Dorothy Hardyman of Iowa and Marlene Kelly of Missouri. They were also the only two candidates to run for Homecoming Queen. Another oddity occurred during 1972, causing the Student Senate to have a special public

meeting.

Two candidates were disqualified for allegedly violating certain campaign rules. The senate later decided to change their original decision and allowed the two candidates to be part of the selection process. The violations were polling within 100 feet of the elections and carrying walking signs in campus buildings.

The two were Linda Russell (Alpha Sigma Alpha) and Kathy Jones (Phi Mu). Neither of the two went on to be crowned the Homecoming Queen that year as Margaret Rooney was selected by the student body.

## Blacks have history of Homecoming queens

by Becky Baumker  
*Staff Writer*

While the civil rights movement was in its zenith during the late 1960s and 70s in America, black students at Northwest celebrated their culture and self-identity by electing a black Homecoming queen.

Rollie Stadman, executive assistant to the president, remembers how the pageant was started. "One year the black students nominated a Homecoming queen candidate," he said. "She was not elected, but several students thought that she should have been. After that the black students started having their own pageant."

It is unclear when the first black Homecoming queen was crowned. The book, "Towers in the Northwest", by Virgil and Dolores Albertini, states the first Miss Black Northwest Missouri State University Homecoming Pageant was held in 1969. However, the Tower and

the Northwest Missourian report the first black Homecoming queen pageant was held in 1971.

It is also unknown why and when the pageant ceased.

The 1971 black Homecoming queen pageant coincided with the Brothers and Sisters Together convention, which brought members from throughout the United States to Northwest. The Brothers and Sisters Together along with Har- ambee House, now Alliance of Black Collegians, sponsored the pageant. They named the week Black Homecoming, and along with the pageant, they held a variety show and a dance. Traditionally, Black Homecoming was held the week before Northwest's homecoming.

Candidates were judged on personality, beauty, talent and black womanhood which includes awareness of self and their history as a black, ability to express their

feelings about and pride of being black, and concerns for the betterment of the black people.

According to Dave Gieseke, director of news and information and Homecoming adviser for the past two years, the last black Homecoming queen pageant was held in 1979.

"The last time I remember it occurring was in 1979," he said. "I remember because I was the editor of the Tower that year and I remember doing a story on it."

This year Alpha Phi Alpha elected a Black and Gold Queen. But according to President Nash, this pageant was not inspired by the black Homecoming queen pageants of the 1970s.

"Each chapter elects a Miss Black and Gold," he said. "She then goes on to represent our chapter at the state convention. If she wins, she then goes to the regionals and so on."



QUEEN FINALISTS—Homecoming queen candidates and their sponsoring organization are, front row, Andrea Bodenhausen, Chi Phi Chi; LeAnn Hagan, Sigma Sigma Sigma. Back row, Susie Beach, Delta Chi; Elisabeth Crawford, Phi Mu Alpha and not pictured, Julie Wilmoth, Tau Kappa Epsilon. (Photo courtesy News and Info)

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by Laura Pierson  
*Managing Editor*

It has been two decades since the women's liberation movement hit full stride. Now, the men are demanding equal time.

Does this mean large bonfires will light up the campus as the men burn their jock straps? Maybe someday, but for now they'll start with king to represent them at Homecoming.

With Northwest entering a new decade, the Homecoming committee voted 25 to 6 to institute a new tradition allowing for a Homecoming king.

Campus organizations responded enthusiastically by nominating 26 candidates. A panel then selected five finalists: Riaz Amin, International Student Organization; Steve Anderson, Sigma Tau Gamma; Garrick Baxter, ROTC; Rocco Bene, Delta Chi; and Tom Vansaghi, Phi Mu.

The winner may go down in

Northwest history as the first Homecoming King. Research efforts have proved fruitless in finding past Homecoming kings.

To be safe, Dave Gieseke, director of news and information and Homecoming adviser, said they will be referring to this year's king as "the first one in recent memory."

"I've been here since '77," Gieseke said, "and my boss has been here since '69 and neither of us remember having one. It's an expression of the times."

He said Homecoming gained a "completeness by honoring not only women, but men as well."

Eileen Davis, co-chair of the Homecoming committee said many of the larger universities have Homecoming kings "to keep it equal between the sexes."

Anderson said, "A lot of schools nowadays have both. It's good to see it here. It's equality."

He said the inclusion of a king

candidate brought freshness and enthusiasm to this year's events.

Baxter said, "It definitely brings us out of the stone age."

He added he is honored to be among the candidates for king especially at a time when he could represent the armed forces during the Gulf Crisis.

Vansaghi said, "It adds a new dimension."

He believes the added interest of a king will encourage more people to vote.

Bene said Northwest would now be equated with larger universities who include Homecoming kings in their festivities.

"It's a great addition for men in that they're being recognized for what they have accomplished," Bene continued.

Davis said the male finalists are judged on the same criteria as the women, which include academics, campus involvement, personality and poise.

# Northwest Alumni

## Happiness is key to their success

### Todd Frohwirth - 1984

by Gene Morris  
Sports Editor

**E**xremely aggressive and competitive," are words Bearcat baseball coach Jim Johnson uses when describing Todd Frohwirth, a 1984 graduate of Northwest and pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies.

Frohwirth pitched two seasons with the Bearcats after transferring to Northwest from Waukesha Technical Institute. The Phillies selected him in the 13th round of the draft June 14, 1984.

During his first season as a professional, Frohwirth had a 4-4 record with 11 saves. He also had an ERA of 1.63. He pitched for Bend that year, a minor league team in the Phillies organization.

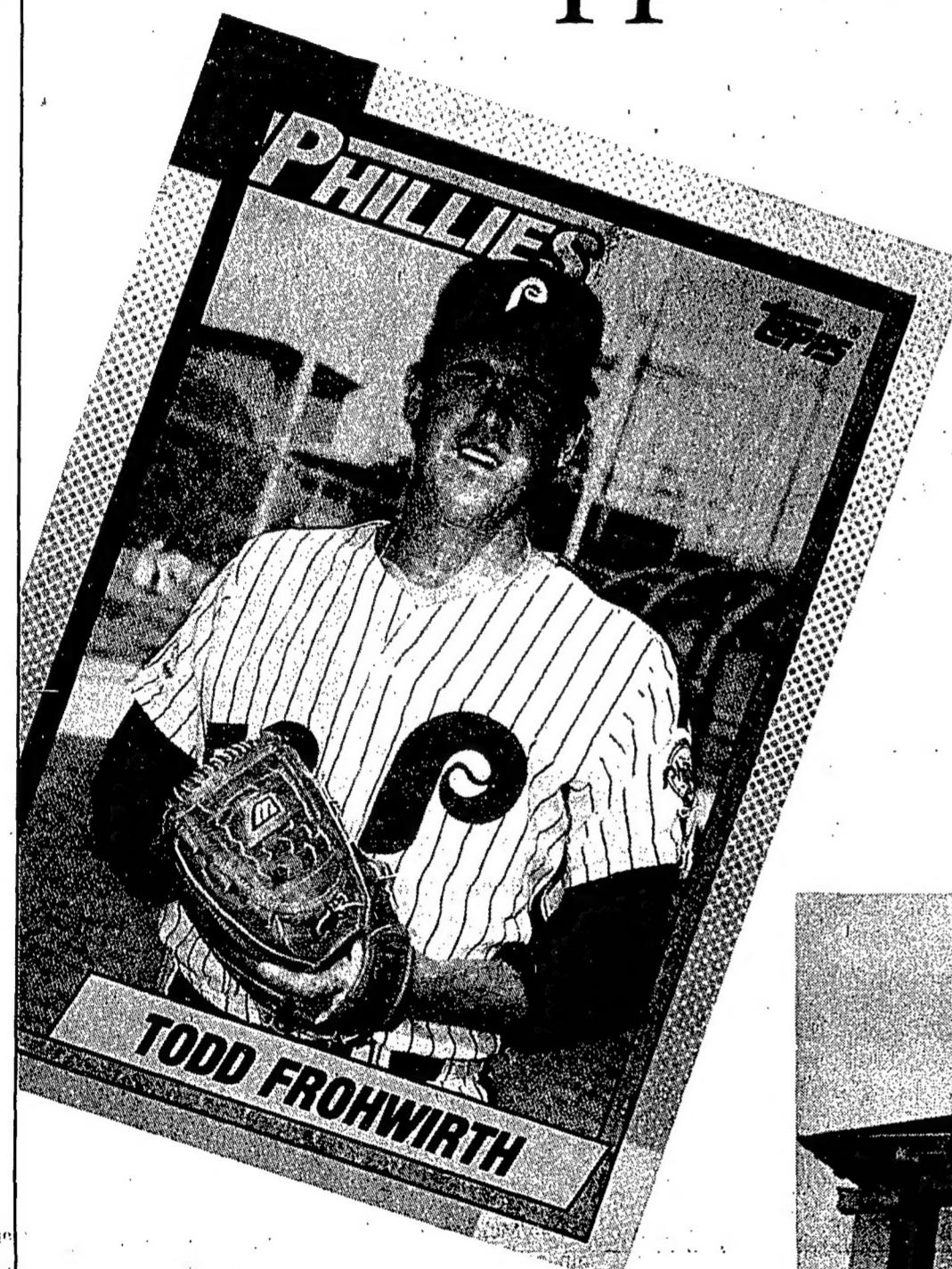
Frohwirth got his big break three years later. He began the '87 baseball season with Reading where he was 2-4 with 19 saves and an ERA of 1.86 in 36 games. The start was impressive enough to get him a shot with Maine. He played 27 games at that level before getting his first chance with the Phillies.

Appearing in 10 games with the Phillies that year, Frohwirth was 1-0 with an ERA of 0.00. He pitched 11 innings without allowing a run. He also fanned nine while walking two. He was sent down to Maine the following season and ended the year with the Phillies again.

His second trip to the majors was not a pleasurable experience.

Frohwirth was hammered for 11 runs in 12 innings. His record was 1-2 and his ERA shot up to 8.25.

Frohwirth is the best short relief pitcher the Bearcats have had in 10 years, according to Johnson.



### Pat Cafferata - 1969

by Judy Green  
Staff Writer

In 1969 Pat Cafferata graduated with a degree in something she knew she did not want to be doing for the rest of her life. So, she left Maryville with goals and ambitions that led her to become the president of the nation's largest privately-owned advertising agency, Young & Rubicam.

During her last semester at Northwest, Cafferata did her student teaching in home economics. She realized that she did not want to stay in the teaching profession, but was unsure of just what she wanted to do.

She went to the Kansas City area, applied for three jobs and received three offers. One of those offers was from Barickman Advertising Agency.

"It was a total accident that I got into advertising. I turned down the offer from the agency, but when the president asked me why I was so concerned with money when I was a broke college graduate, I decided to take the job," she said.

"I found that I was able to use my home economics degree indirectly because I had taken a lot of management courses. It also helped me in knowing how to conduct research for promotional goals," said Cafferata. "Northwest also taught me what I call Midwestern values which consist of simply treating people well and being honest."

"If I retire or go on to something other than what I'm doing now, I hope people are able to say that I was a real decent person and was never deceitful with my peers or my clients. Those Midwestern values are responsible for that. The main thing I stress to people in my company is the importance of being honest with people. That is just good business as well as ethical. From her hometown of



HOME AWAY FROM HOME—The Northwest Alumni House opens its doors for graduates this weekend. (Photo by Todd Weddle)

## A place to come home to

by Heather Newman  
Editor in Chief

In 1923, Bohm and Darlene Townsend called it home. Now Northwest graduates call it a place to come home to.

The Northwest Alumni House is preparing to open its doors to hundreds of Northwest alumni as they return "home" for this weekend's Homecoming celebrations.

"Our main protocol is to make them [alumni] feel welcome and to give them a place to go when they first arrive at Northwest," said Chuck Veatch, director of Development and Alumni Services.

The Alumni House was developed in 1980 through the fundraising efforts of Vinnie Vaccaro, then executive secretary for the Northwest Missouri/Southwest Iowa chapter of the incorporation and alumni director for Northwest.

Contributions of \$115,000 were raised from alumni to purchase the Townsend home for the use of an alumni boarding house.

"Over 40,000 people have used the house since the renovations five years ago," said Stadlman, "including both campus and community groups. We are here mainly for the alumni, though."

"After they've been out of college for 20 years, people get nostalgic about their youth," he said. "We help them locate old classmates, teachers... and sometimes I feel we're finders of lost loves for alumni in search of old flames."

Gifts and contributions from alumni to the University are also handled through the Alumni House. "Simply the fact that we're here for alumni when they come back, whatever their needs, is one of the nice parts of the job," said Stadlman. "Coming back to campus and not having anyone realize who they are is hard. This way they have somewhere to go first."

### Terre McPheeers - 1977

by Judy Green  
Staff Writer

**N**orthwest Celebration director Dr. Rick Weymuth, along with the audience of the group's spring show, was treated to quite a surprise last year when a former member of the group paid a visit. Terre McPheeers, a 1977 graduate of Northwest and a 1981 master's degree recipient returned to campus to perform an original composition, "Maybe Someday".

McPheeers said returning to Northwest to perform her composition was a wonderful experience.

"It was so great to sing it for Rick (Weymuth) as Rick's friend. He is such an incredible man and such an influence to me as well as all the other kids he works with," she said. "He is really so supportive to me and has been a huge influence in what I am able to do now."

McPheeers' words of advice are simply, "do what makes you happy."

"A friend gave me a cup that says 'success is doing what you love and loving what you do.' That is what I think makes a person successful, being able to do something you want to do and enjoying it. It isn't a question of money or status, but how good you feel about yourself and what you do and how you are seen by other people," she said.

Combine her musical talent with her compassionate way of life and her warm genuine personality and it is quite apparent what makes Terre McPheeers a success.

McPheeers wrote her first piece



### Rob DeBolt - 1988

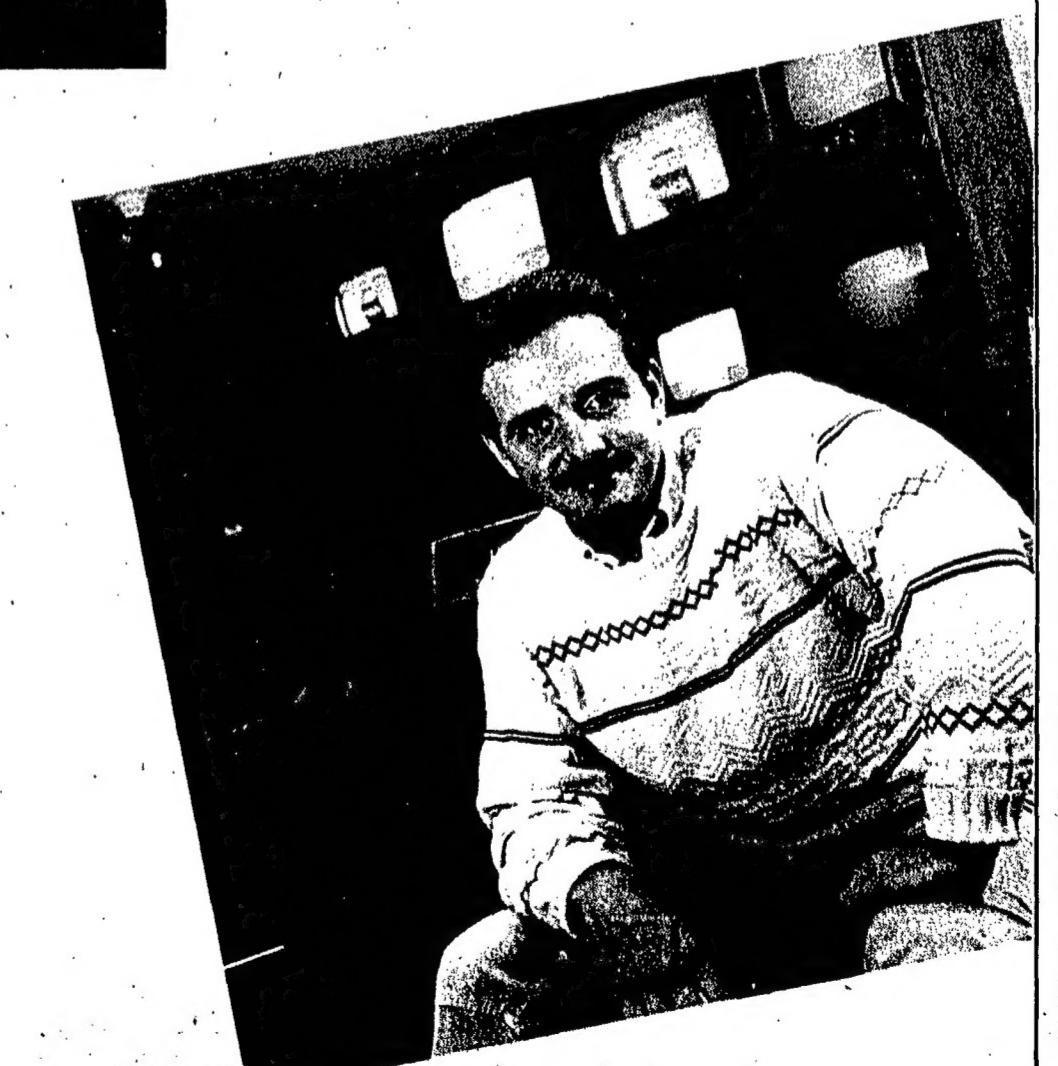
by Judy Green  
Staff Writer

**P**art of the key to achieving success is believing in yourself. Having the ability to believe in himself has played a large role in bringing success to 1988 Northwest graduate Rob DeBolt.

In December 1988, DeBolt left Northwest with a degree in broadcasting and the *Missourian* newspaper. He also served for two years as the Homecoming Variety Show emcee, in which, posing as Karnack the Magnificent, he said his joke concerning garbage bags earned him both laughs and enemies. He said Northwest provided him with the opportunity to try new things to develop his talents.

"Northwest provided me with the essential information, both technical and philosophical to do what I needed to do. The sky was the limit," he said. "I didn't feel like I was constrained to do things that were considered ordinary. I could experiment with things I wanted to try and learn from those experiences."

"Success," he said, "comes when you have everything in your life in balance. Your physical and emotional self are both in balance and you are happy with yourself and your career. Whether you are in Maryville or Miami or Columbia or Chicago, as long as you are happy with who and where you are, you are a success."

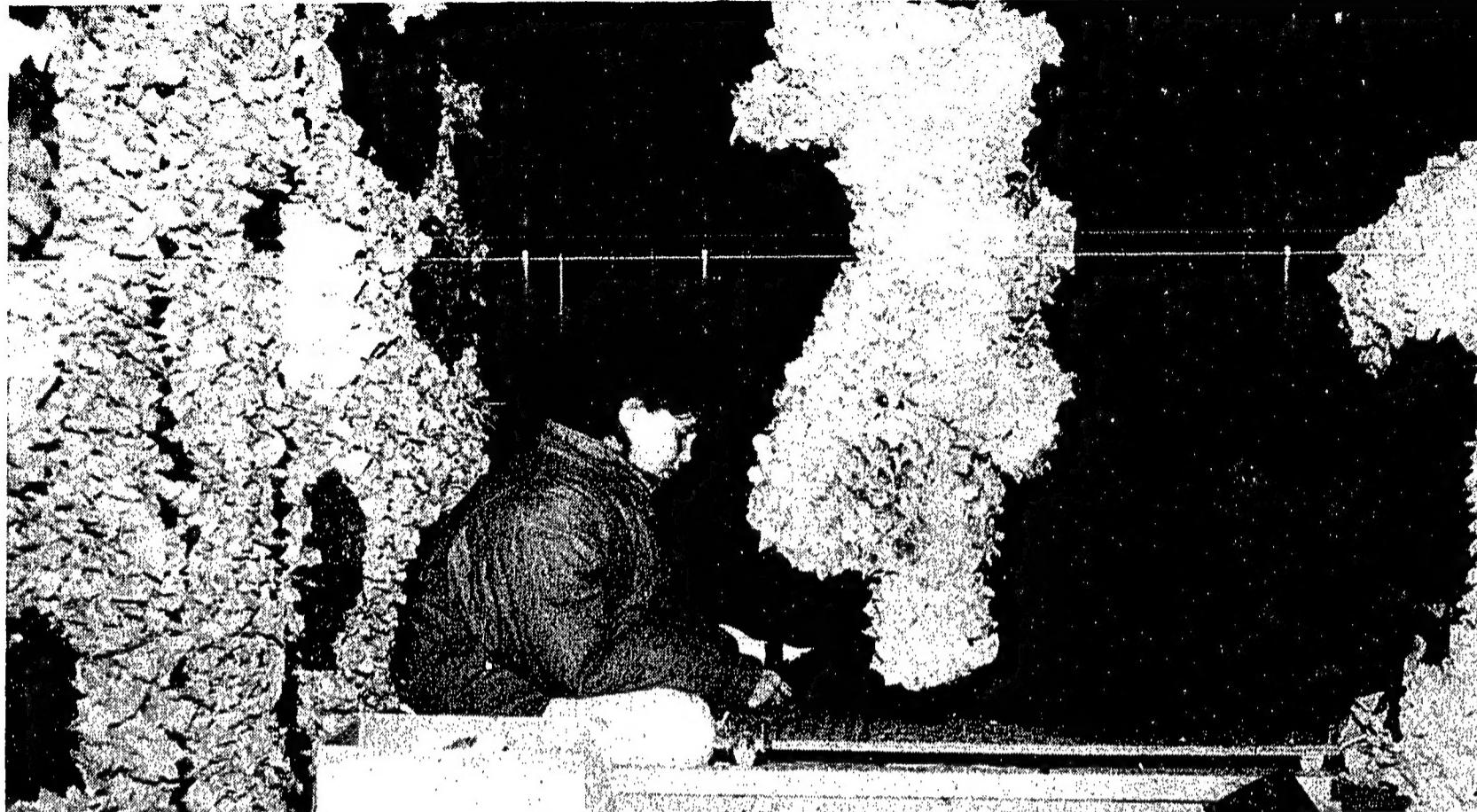


is also important to remember that there are very few geniuses in the world. Every person in your industry is attainable. When I first started in broadcasting I thought Rick Dees was just a god. Now I know that I have the ability to do anything he does, if that is something I want to do."

While attending Northwest, DeBolt worked on KXCV, KDLX and the *Missourian* newspaper. He also served for two years as the Homecoming Variety Show emcee, in which, posing as Karnack the Magnificent, he said his joke concerning garbage bags earned him both laughs and enemies. He said Northwest provided him with the opportunity to try new things to develop his talents.

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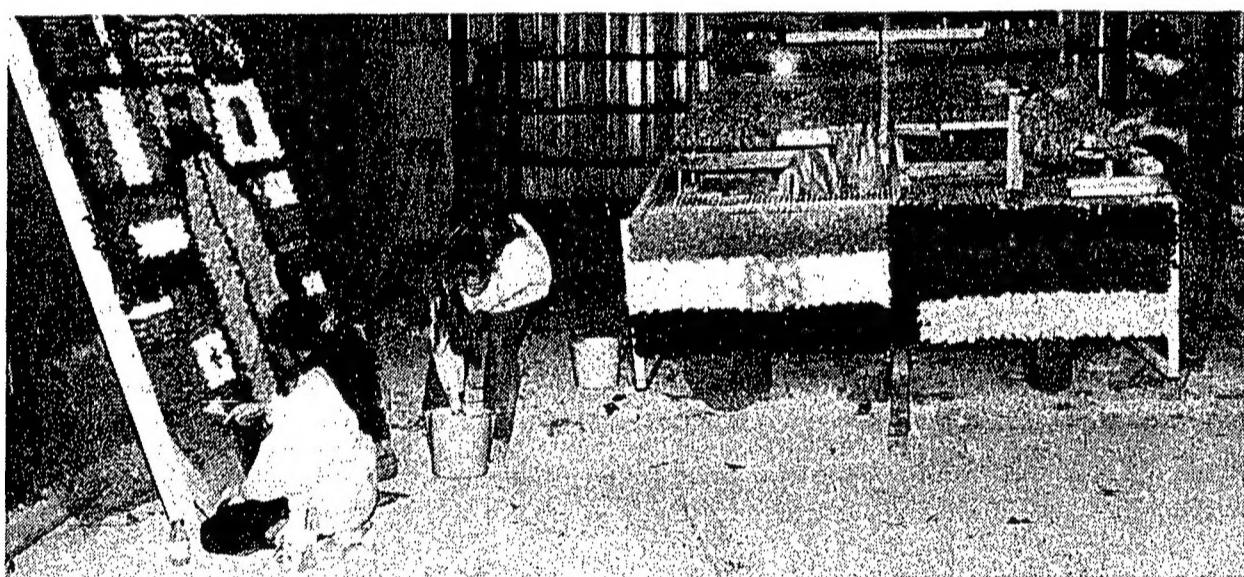
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POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE— Far left, All alone on Wednesday night, Kelley Lynch pomps Alpha Sigma Alpha's "Hansel and Gretel" float at the Airport Community Building. Alphas started on ideas and planning for the float in the spring after looking through numerous storybooks. (Photo by Don Carrick)

DETERMINATION— Left, Homecoming time involves skill and steadiness for Tim Lovejoy as he nails on a page of the book to the rear of the Delta Chi float. (Photo by Michelle Larison)

ALL THE WORLD'S A FLOAT— Below left, Norhayati Hasnam, Valerie Gorce and Gorge Marinakis prepare the ISO float, "Gulliver's Travels" for Saturday's parade. ISO used a shed at Drake Lumber for shelter for their work Monday night. (Photo by Don Carrick)



## Making a float is more than meets the eye

by Michelle Larison  
*University Editor*

More money, hard work and planning goes into float creation than meets the eye. For nearly three weeks, and in some cases months, organizations have been working to complete their floats before the Homecoming parade.

Deciding on a float theme and planning must begin early so supplies can be ordered. After that, concentration goes into creating designs and moving parts, hammering, pomping and making sure colors line up correctly, not to mention shaping and cutting countless feet of chickenwire.

There are several guidelines all organizations must follow when putting together a float.

According to Homecoming adviser Dave Gieseke, floats cannot exceed a height of 15 feet off the ground and can be no wider than 14 feet. The maximum length for a float is 25 feet.

If the float is self-propelled, it must have an exhaust pipe and a 24 square inch opening in front so the driver can judge distance. Another option for better guidance of the float would be to set up a walkie-talkie system.

After the parade is over, the

floats must be torn down by Sunday. Every pomp has to be taken out of the chickenwire and the frame must be completely taken apart.

The divisions for float judging include Greek men, Greek women and independents.

"We try to incorporate the Bearcat, the team mascot we're playing and the Homecoming theme into something we can actually build," said TKE Rick Kimball.

He also added most of the funding for their float this year, Jungle Book, was paid for through last year's third place money prize. The men of TKE put last year's winnings into a CD.

## Behind closed doors Months of work come to a close as students ready Homecoming floats

by Michelle Larison  
*University Editor*

Many organizations have been busy working on their floats over the past weeks in hopes of capturing the honor of the first place award. There are 15 float entries scheduled this year.

Two floats are being constructed at the Maryville Airport in the same building which shows the cooperation and Homecoming spirit rather than competition between two greek groups.

In fitting with the theme "One for the Books," the Delta Chi float "Calvin and Bobbes" features the popular characters and many movable parts. David Shepherd and Jim Croghan are co-float chairmen.

"The only problem we've been having is people coming out all at once," Shepherd said. "We've got too many people and not enough things for them to do. Everyone comes out in big groups instead of there being about 15 guys out here all day."

Ten hours were required of each member and most agree it becomes

easy to lose track of the hours spent each week.

"I don't keep track anymore," Delta Chi member Donovan Updike said. "I got my hours in for the week and it's only Tuesday."

Shepherd replied, "I had mine in on Sunday."

The Delta Chi's spent approximately \$1,250 on pomps alone, compared to last year's \$1,700. The fraternity took first place in the float competition last Homecoming.

Joining the Delta Chi float at the airport is the Alpha Sigma Alpha float "Hansel and Gretel." It features many characters from the favorite children's novel.

The float required six hours weekly of each member. Cortney Coffman, float chairman, said they came up with the idea for the float last year.

Two or three of us at the last minute came up with "Hansel and Gretel," she said. "Instead of us always having the opponent on the float with Bobby Bearcat, this year we decided to have all the characters on there, the way it should be."

Out of all the time spent working on their two floats, Alpha Sigma Alpha and Delta Chi found they had a common goal.

"The Alphas let us borrow some wood since we didn't have enough," Updike said, "so it's not like competition but promoting greek unity."

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Good luck goes out to all of the Alphas during their Homecoming activities this weekend.

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## Astronomy professor rouses student curiosity

by Becky Baumker  
Staff Writer

"Twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder where you are. Up above the world so high, like a diamond in the sky." The curiosity expressed in this poem is what Dr. Jim Smeltzer uses to get his students started in the study of astronomy.

"Astronomy is a unique subject," Smeltzer said. "Everyone enjoys being able to identify different stars and constellations. I try to build on that, and discuss the nature of stars, the power of stars, the energy of stars, how stars relate to the galaxy, and how the galaxy relates to the universe."

"Math and physics come into play during all this, which is good. It's very hard to teach straight physics. This class gives students a practical application for all those physics theories."

Smeltzer, who is a doctor of physics and math, has taught at Northwest for 21 years. He received his undergraduate degree at Oak Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla. It was not until his senior year of undergraduate study that he decided he wanted to be a teacher.

"I was involved in tutoring, and I liked it really well. I liked to be

involved with a lot of different people, and to have the opportunity to express myself to help other people understand," he said. "I felt a calling, like something inside of me was telling me that I was suppose to be a teacher."

Smeltzer went to the University of Oklahoma for his master's degree in physics and math. After graduating, he taught at Enid High School in Enid, Okla. Smeltzer explained that Enid was a very wealthy school district, and gave him everything he wanted.

"They asked me what I wanted, and I said an observatory on top of the building. They said fine, and built me one," Smeltzer said.

In this observatory Smeltzer did the research for his doctorate on binary stars.

Smeltzer came to Northwest in 1969. A few years later, in 1971 or 1972, an administrator received an invitation to witness the fly-by of Pioneer 11 to Jupiter at the NASA.

The invitation passed through many hands, and trailed down to Smeltzer.

He went to the American Educators Conference, held at the American Research Center, in San Francisco. NASA holds these conferences every time there is a significant happening, such as a launch or a fly-by of a planet. Smeltzer



POINTING IT OUT—Jim Smeltzer, science instructor, helps Kevin Bell with a problem in his afternoon class. Smeltzer has attended significant NASA events for the past 19 years. (Photo by Sabine Grable)

has been going to these conferences for the past 19 years.

Smeltzer said one of the first things he learned at these conferences was the press gets more information than the educators. So,

he became a certified reporter for

stations in the area. He has worked for KXCV, and KQTV. Presently, Smeltzer is working for KCMO.

Smeltzer writes stories about events happening, like a launch, and then sends them back to the station. He also serves as an ad-

viser or source when the station wishes to do a special feature or a talk space about it.

"There are 35 launches sched-

uled in the next five years. This is a very exciting time for the space program. There is the space station on the moon, the free-floating space station, or Station Freedom, and I expect to see manned exploration of our solar system in 10 to 20 years after the turn of the century," Smeltzer said.

Job includes developing, training and educating people

## Work ethic and pride help Barlow with duties

by Michelle Larison  
University Editor

Great attention to detail and an appreciation of the strong Northwest Missouri work ethic makes Jeff Barlow's duties as associate director of Environmental Services worth the hard work.

Barlow and two other associate directors, Richard Auffert and George Kiser, are responsible for nearly 120 employees who maintain the grounds and buildings of the University. His duties include "developing people, training people and educating people on government laws." Another responsibility is inspection of 2.3 million cleanable square feet on campus.

On October 2, Barlow completed 12 years with Servicemaster, five of which were spent at

Northwest. He is enrolled in the master's program and has completed his degree in psychology.

"I encourage the workers to go back to school, as a benefit for them. As you continue to improve your mind, it can only help your job performance," Barlow said.

Barlow compares the need for a clean University environment to that of a hospital.

"The reason you have to keep a hospital clean is because the people who are sick are under stress from the illness and you don't want them to pick up another illness," he said.

"Students are like the sick people, they are under a lot of stress and they stay up late. Their bodies are in a stressed state so we try to keep their environment as germ-free as we can."

According to Barlow, many

plans are in the works, including more flower gardens and possibly a 22-26 foot gazebo by Colden Pond. An aerator will be purchased for the pond which will neutralize the pond odor and deliver an oxygen supply to fish.

Other improvements include plans for putting a concrete base on the kissing bridge and adding a rock pond with a stream that connects to Colden Pond and installing cost-efficient solar lighting along walkways in that area.

Barlow says he doesn't mind that the work of Environmental Services is sometimes taken for granted and takes that as a sign of jobs well done.

"If we are noticed, we want it to be for outstanding quality rather than poor quality. Everyone in the department buys into that and I

think that's what makes Northwest one of the top universities in Missouri," he said.

In an effort to dispel the myth that he is an actual "white glove" inspector, Barlow says that he hasn't run an inspection of that sort in eight years but has participated his job duties on his mother-in-law.

"Before she was my mother-in-law I went to visit her, sat down and wiped the bottom of the picture frame—I could tell it was dirty," he said.

"I didn't say a word, but she saw me and said 'Well, did you find anything?' I tried that on my wife one time after she said she cleaned the house really well and she threw her cleaning rag at me. Now I always try to tell her it looks good no matter what!"



DOWN 'N' DIRTY—Jeff Barlow checks out the cleanliness of an office in the Campus Safety Building. He is the associate director of Environmental Services. (Photo by Sabine Grable)

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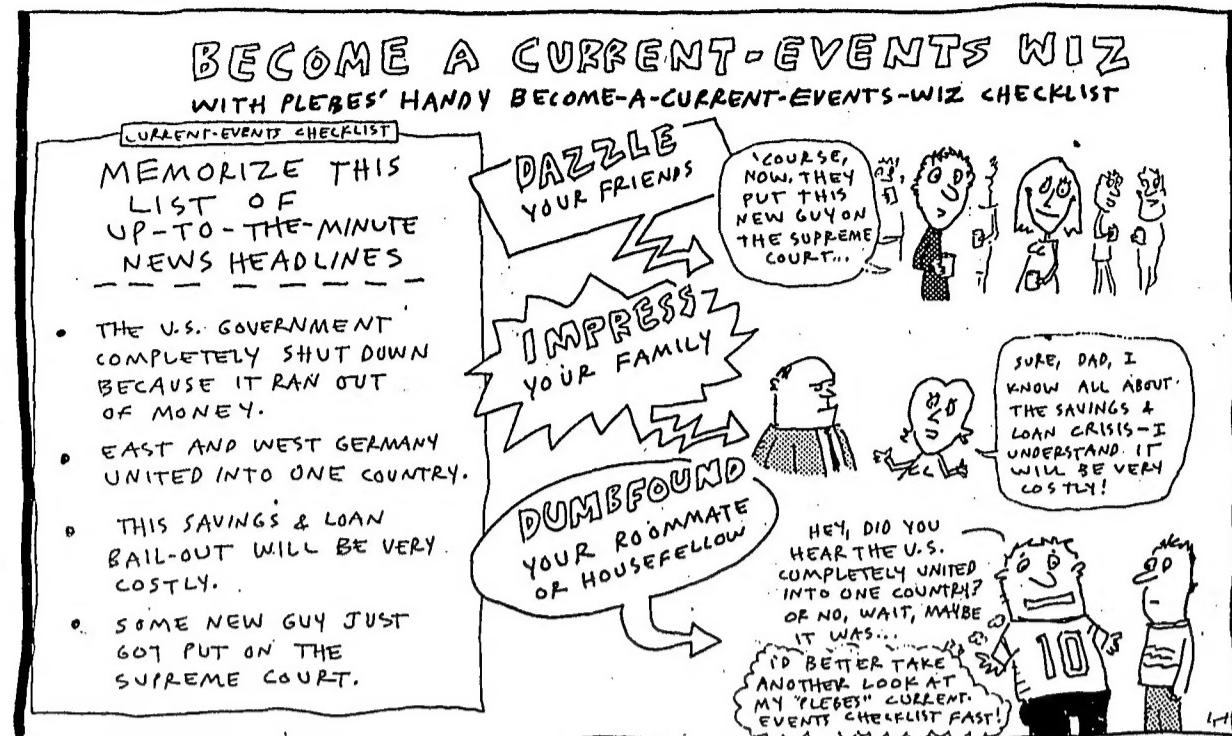
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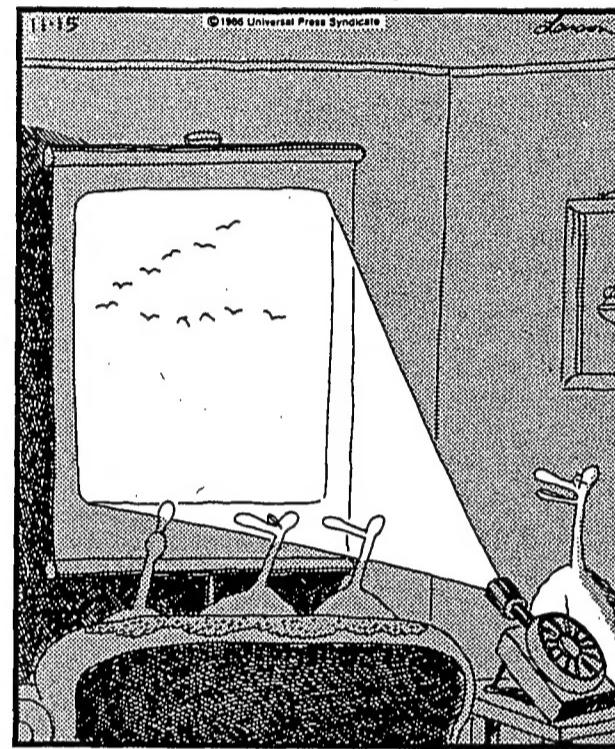
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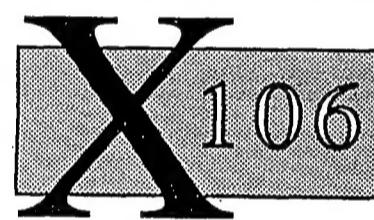


## THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



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- 10) The Replacements -All Shook Down
- 9) The Posies -Golden Blunders
- 8) Too Much Joy -That's A Life
- 7) The Cure -Never Enough
- 6) Lemonheads -Lovey
- 5) Living Colour -Times Up
- 4) Soul Asylum -Soul Asylum and the Horses
- 3) Bob Mould -Black Sheets of Rain
- 2) The Pixies -Bossanova
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- 10) AC/DC -Thunderstruck
- 9) Robert Cray -The Forecast Calls for Pain
- 8) Damn Yankees -High Enough
- 7) Janet Jackson -Black Cat
- 6) Phil Collins -Something Happened on the Way to Heaven
- 5) Bruce Hornsby and the Range -A Night on the Town
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The Wrong Stuff

## I'll be hating you forever

From  
Left Field

by Don Carrick

Here's the question for this week:

Should the New Kids on the Block be banned from the planet, never to be seen again? I only asked because it's quite obvious that they want to be made fun of.

I mean their second release was a Christmas album for cripes' sake! Now they're on the Amnesty International tour with people like Sting and Peter Gabriel.

True, it's a very worthy cause and their presence might boost ticket sales, but do the oppressed people of Chile really want to hear five adolescents lip-synch "The Right Stuff"? I kind of doubt it.

Plus, don't you think a lot of parents would be happier with the New Kids gone? Every time Jordan or Donnie show up on the T.V. screen, their lovely 10-year-old daughter goes into hysterics loud enough to bust eardrums and possibly crack the foundations of the home. (And God help the weary parent if their child is having a slumber party. They might be warned to check their insurance

policy first.) Now, is this the kind of life these parents should have, you know, the parents who should be paying for your schooling instead of buying every piece of New Kids' merchandise under the sun? I thought not.

There must be some way to remove these children of hell from our lives. Of course, I'm not talking about killing the little tykes, just removing them from the country. (Killing comes after they start doing covers of Stones' tunes.) Perhaps we could just get one of them in another bar fight, except this time get some pictures. I can just see the headlines now...

## New Kid In Bar Brawl

Donnie Wahlberg was arrested today for aggravated assault on an elderly man at a bar in Boston. The victim, Mr. Fred Smith, was at the bar commenting on how he refused to buy his daughter any more New Kids On the Block products, when Wahlberg attacked him from behind.

"It was like the kid was crazed," Smith said. "He told me he'd punch my face in if I didn't get her the New Kids' Hair Salon Play Set. His breath was worse than his punches though; one too many gin

and tonics, if you ask me. Luckily, someone bashed him over the head with a bottle and he passed out."

Wahlberg was unavailable for comment.

Folks, I've got to tell you, news like that would make my day.

Wait, I've got an even better idea, what if we sent the New Kids over to Saudi Arabia? (Not to entertain the troops mind you. Remember, those men are armed.) We could have them give a concert and fly 10,000 pre-teen girls over to see them. (It could be on MTV, "The New Kids say the Saddamest things" contest.) When the New Kids take the stage, the screams of the girls would be heard for hundreds of miles with the effect of a nuclear blast. (Our troops would be pulled far back and issued earplugs of course.) This would turn the Iraqi tanks to ash and make Saddam's troops go insane (or turn them into New Kids fans, I really can't decide which is worse). Finally, the New Kids would be asked to stay in Kuwait in a prearranged deal with the Kuwaiti government.

Now, having solved these dilemmas, I will take some time off and figure out what to do with Milli Vanilli.

## The Weekly Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- 1 Cheats: slang
- 5 On the ocean
- 9 Viper
- 12 Tidy
- 13 Astral body
- 14 Falsehood
- 15 Free from restraint
- 17 Hermit
- 19 Burles
- 21 Above
- 22 Vegetable
- 24 Act in law
- 25 Pedal digit
- 27 Expert
- 29 A continent: abbr.
- 31 River Island
- 32 Kind of type: abbr.
- 33 Teutonic deity

**DOWN**

- 1 African antelope
- 2 Intense desire: slang
- 3 Long-suffering
- 4 Chore
- 5 Equally
- 6 Cubic meters
- 7 Organs of hearing
- 8 Guido's second note
- 9 Animated
- 10 Location
- 11 Equal
- 16 Latin conjunction
- 18 Moroccan native
- 20 Muse of poetry
- 22 Whip
- 23 Great Lake
- 25 Gull-like bird
- 27 Mud
- 28 Abounds
- 29 Wild plum
- 30 Century plant
- 34 Engage deeply
- 36 Twisted
- 37 Slain
- 39 Perplex

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